



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointments/Reappointments to the County Council for Persons with Disabilities (Individual Appointments/Reappointments by Commissioners Flowers, Latvala, and Long).

Recommended Action:

Approve appointments/reappointments by individual County Commissioners to the County Council of Persons with Disabilities for a term of 2 years to begin on May 23, 2023, and expire on May 22, 2025.

- Reappointments:
 - Deborah Figgs-Sanders - Commissioner Rene Flowers
- New Appointments:
 - Doreen Caudell - Commissioner Chris Latvala
 - Kimberly Rankine - Commissioner Janet Long
- No ballots necessary.

Background Information:

The Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to:

(a) bring informational items of matters important to persons with disabilities to the Board, through the Pinellas County Office of Human Rights (PCOHR);

(b) serve as consultants on issues of accessibility relating to the construction or improvement of County facilities, parks, and infrastructure; and

(c) present information to the Board or any of its departments, agencies, or bureaus, through the PCOHR, issues or matters of concern to persons with disabilities for potential action relating to:

(1) issues of accessibility to facilities, programs or services of County government;

(2) discrimination due to disability in employment, housing, or places of public accommodations throughout the County;

(3) assisting the County in identifying and obtaining grant funding that will provide greater accessibility to all facets of civic life to persons with disabilities; and

(4) assisting the County, and particularly the PCOHR, in providing training, education and outreach relating to the rights of persons with disabilities.

The County Council for Person with Disabilities shall be composed of a total of 13 members. Seven members shall be individually appointed by each member of the Board of County Commissioners and one member each shall be appointed by:

(1) the board of directors of the Disability Achievement Center;

(2) the board of directors of Providing Advocacy & Recognizing Capabilities (PARC);

(3) the board of directors of Florida Gulf Coast Paralyzed Veterans of America;

(4) the board of directors of the Boley Centers;

(5) the board of directors of the Family Network on Disabilities; and

(6) the board of directors of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.

Except for the initial appointment, Council members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority for a term of two years from the date of appointment. The initial term shall be two years for the seven members appointed by each of the Board members, and three years for the appointments made by the appointing authorities outlined in Sec. 70-403(a)(1-6).

Members may hold successive terms upon reappointment. Each member, regardless of the manner in which the member was appointed, may be removed by the Board without cause. Any vacancy in the membership of the Council shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term, in the same manner as an appointment for a full term.

Attachments:

Board Roster
Applications/Resumes

Partner(s):

Jeffrey Lorick, Director, Office of Human Rights