



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE:** January 14, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 33

**Consent Agenda** ☐

**Regular Agenda** ☒

**Public Hearing** ☐

**County Administrator's Signature**

**Subject:**

Reappointment of Rodney Fischer to the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) of Pinellas County.

**Department:**

Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Gwendolyn C. Warren, Executive Director

**Recommended Action:**

I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RODNEY FISCHER TO THE BOARD OF THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF PINELLAS COUNTY FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

Mr. Fischer is an original appointee (1983) to the Board of the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County (Authority). Mr. Fischer served as Vice Chairman through March 1991, was appointed Chairman by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on March 12, 1991 and continues to serve in that capacity. During Mr. Fischer's tenure, the Authority has attracted more than \$1.2 billion dollars of private investment for housing in Pinellas County. That investment has helped over 5,000 families realize the dream of ownership and created more than 10,000 affordable rental units. Mr. Fischer would like to continue serving and will work to assist the BCC to implement its strategic housing initiatives. Under Mr. Fischer's leadership the Authority was awarded \$39,000,000 of new bonding capacity under the U.S. Treasury Department's New Initiative Bond Purchase program and \$17,000,000 in a competitive Neighborhood Stabilization Program competition that brought \$50,000,000 of new money to the Tampa Bay area. Mr. Fischer remains instrumental in leading the County's Community Housing initiatives, including the Housing Trust Fund and Community Land Trust. As we work through the economic recovery, stable leadership of the Housing Finance Authority is an increasingly important priority.

Florida Statutes Chapter 159.605 specifies that "Each housing finance authority shall be composed of not less than five members appointed by the governing body of the county for which the housing finance authority is created, one of whom shall be designated chair. The terms of the members are 4 years each." The Authority's five-member board represents expertise in the following fields: banking, construction, real estate, lower-income communities, and affordable housing development. In appointing the five members to the Authority, the BCC has historically taken into consideration the desire of existing knowledge and experienced Authority members to continue their service. It is recommended that Mr. Fischer be reappointed for another 4-year term.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:**

None

**Exhibits/Attachments Attached:**

None

# Memorandum

## Housing Finance Authority

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**TO:** Gwendolyn Warren, Executive Director *Ref to Saw*  
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Mike Cronin, HFA Legal Counsel

**FROM:** Anthony M. Jones, Executive Director *AJ*

**SUBJECT:** CATS #43915  
Reappointment of Rodney Fischer

**DATE:** December 23, 2013

It is recommended that Rodney Fischer be reappointed to the Board of the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County (HFA) for a four-year term expiring on February 1, 2018. Mr. Fischer has served on the Board of the Housing Finance Authority since the HFA's creation in 1983. Mr. Fischer served as Vice Chairman from 1983 through March 1991, and has served as Chairman since 1991.

Thank you for your assistance getting this item of the January 14<sup>th</sup> BCC agenda; the submittal deadline is December 31, 2013. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Should you have any legal questions, Dennis Long, in the County Attorney's Office, represents the BCC on HFA issues.