

August 4, 2015

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

On June 10, 2003, the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance providing for the repeal of Section 2-441 of the Pinellas County Code, which had previously created the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Economic Development Council. Section 2-441 of the Pinellas County Code was restated to create the Pinellas County Economic Development Council.

The ordinance states that the Council is to be made up of not more than 100 members who are to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Members shall serve two-year terms, and are to be nominated by businesses, business organizations, business trade associations, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Several of our current members' terms are expiring in July 2015. With the Board's approval, the names below are being submitted for re-appointment for another 2-year term, ending in July 2017. There is also a new appointment going before the Board for approval with the expiration of July 2017.

REAPPOINTMENT:

**Tom Kennedy
Cristina Coffin
Chris Steinocher**

**Westport CRE
My Hope Chest
St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce**

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

James Holton

JWH Enterprises, Inc.

Name of Board/Council or Committee

Applicant Appointment Worksheet

Applicant Name	Reappointment		Qualified		Comments
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Christina Coffin	X		X		
Thomas Kennedy	X		X		
Chris Steinocher	X		X		
James Holton		X	X		

Qualification Requirements:

The Pinellas Board of County Commissioners appoints the members of the Pinellas County Economic Development Council from among individuals who are nominated by businesses, business organizations, business trade associations, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Members of the Council are owners of businesses, CEOs, presidents, and other executives who have optimal management or policy responsibility, are involved in private business and industry in Pinellas County and have demonstrated dynamic and ongoing leadership in building the economy of Pinellas County.

Members are appointed from target industry clusters in Pinellas County representing both major and small businesses from all geographical areas of the County. Pinellas' Target Industries include: Advanced Manufacturing, Aviation & Aerospace, Business & Financial Services, Information Technology, Life Sciences & Medical Technologies.

The members of the Council serve for terms of two (2) years and may be appointed for successive terms to the Council. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County serves on the Council as the Chair. The Chair appoints a Vice-Chair from private business and industry in Pinellas County.

JAMES W. HOLTON

QUALIFICATIONS

- Over twenty years of experience as a successful attorney.
- Extensive background in real estate transactions and business law.
- Thorough knowledge of financial and banking industries through personal involvement in a variety of real estate developments and other investments
- Comprehensive background in foreign trade and business development
- Experience as a business owner and operator

EXPERIENCE

1996-Present Owner/Operator, Holton Companies Madeira Beach, FL
Own and operate several commercial real estate investment firms and holding companies

1986-1996 Attorney/Partner, James W. Holton, P.A. Madeira Beach, FL
Owned and operated private law practice with emphasis on civil litigation.

1991-1995 Senior Vice President, Gratco, Inc. Madeira Beach, FL
Principal in a firm involved in foreign trade with Russia and Eastern Europe.
Responsible for all legal and financial aspects of large international foreign trade transactions.
(Practiced law concurrently).

1984-1986 Owner/Operator Jack Holton Enterprises, Inc. Madeira Beach, FL
Owned and operated large waterfront restaurant and marina; responsible for all business operations.

1982-1984 Attorney/Partner, Bradham, Bennett & Holton Madeira Beach, FL
Partner in firm specializing in insurance defense litigation.

EDUCATION

L.L.M./Taxation, Boston University Law School, Boston, MA -1982
Juris Doctor, Boston University Law School, Boston, MA -1981
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Stanford, CA -1976
Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA -1972

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIL AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Governors, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Appointed by Governor Rick Scott, 2014
- Florida Transportation Commission; Appointed by Governor Jeb Bush, 2001-2007; Chairman, 2005-2007
- Member, Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida; Appointed by Florida House Speaker Allan Bense, 2005-2009
- Advisory Board Member, CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation Research) USF, 2001-2007
- Member, Board of Directors, Police Athletic League, Pinellas County
- Member, Board of Directors, Drug Free America; Current Chairman
- Member, Florida Bar Association, Past Member, St. Petersburg Bar Association

Personal References Provided Upon Request



**PINELLAS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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