



Pinellas County

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Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointment and reappointments to the Economic Development Council.

Recommended Action:

Appointment of Michael Funsch and reappointment of Joel Giles, Nick DiCeglie, Gerard Stempinski, Michelle Helms, and Paul Renker to the Economic Development Council for two-year terms expiring October 2017.

October 6, 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 October 2015. With the Board's approval, the names below are being submitted for re-appointment for another 2-year term, ending in October 2017. There is also a new appointment going before the Board for approval with the expiration of October 2017.

REAPPOINTMENT:

Joel Giles

Nick DiCeglie

Gerard Stempinski

Michelle Helms

Paul Renker

Carlton Fields Jorden Burt, PA

Solar Sanitation, Inc.

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

FCS Incorporated

Renker Eich Parks Architects

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Michael Funsch

RBC Wealth Management

PINELLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Applicant Appointment Worksheet

Applicant Name	Reappointment		Qualified		Comments
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Joel Giles	X		X		
Nick DiCeglie	X		X		
Gerard Stempinski	X		X		
Michael Funsch		X	X		
Michelle Helms	X		X		
Paul Renker	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.