

Overview of Executive Branch Structure

Pinellas County Charter Review Commission

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Executive Options

Head of Executive Branch

1. Appointed Professional Administrator
2. Appointed Professional Administrator, with
Elected Chair of BCC – Volusia/Tallahassee
3. Elected Mayor – Orange/Orlando
4. Elected Executive – Tampa/JAX

Executive Branch

Elected Chair

- Directly selected by Voters for four year term
- Chairperson of BCC
- Ceremonial leader of county
- Manager retained, who is hired/fired by BCC
- Chair remains member of BCC
- Consistent “team” with Manager

Executive Branch

Elected Mayor

- Chairperson of BCC
- Ceremonial and managerial leader of Executive Branch
- Retains Manager, who reports to Mayor
- Mayor remains voting member of BCC

Executive Branch

Elected Executive

- Ceremonial and managerial leader of county
- Not a member of BCC
- Charter may or may not retain position of Manager
- Highest level of Separation of Powers between Executive and Legislative

Executive Branch Structures

	Appointed Executive		Elected Executive	
	Commission-Administrator	Elected Chair	Elected Mayor	Elected Executive
Professional Manager?	Yes	Yes	Typically yes	Typically no
Manager Reports to	BCC	BCC	Mayor	Executive
Proposes Budget?	Administrator	Administrator	Mayor	Executive
Hire Dept Heads	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator/ BCC	Executive
Fire Dept Heads	Administrator	Administrator	Administrator/ Mayor	Executive
Veto Power?	No	No	Typically no	Typically yes
Separation of Powers	Weak	Weak	Moderate	Strongest

Executive Branch Structures

	Appointed Executive		Elected Executive	
	Commission-Administrator	Elected Chair	Elected Mayor	Elected Executive
BCC Chair Selected	By BCC	By Voters	By Voters	By BCC /Council
Term of Chair	One year	Four years	Four years	One to two years
BCC Override Veto	NA	NA	Typically no	Typically yes
Term Limits			Typically yes	Typically yes
Political Leadership	Diffuse	Moderate	Strong	Strongest
Sunshine Law	BCC	BCC	BCC & Mayor	BCC only
Sets BCC Agenda	Administrator	Administrator	Mayor	BCC/BCC Chair

Elected Mayor

- Places County Mayor on par with municipal leaders and County Constitutional Officers
- Mayor draws power from his/her election
- Clearer understanding of location for leadership/policy responsibility
- Clearer separation of powers between legislative and executive branch

Elected Mayor

- Diminishes role and responsibilities of BCC
- Diminishes role of professionally-trained manager, even with requirement for manager/administrator embedded in charter
- Tends to increase chances of managerial decisions becoming politicized

Questions?