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AGENDA

THE GULF CONSORTIUM Board Meeting

May 2, 2024; 2:00 p.m. Eastern

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Board Members

As attached

Staff

Valerie Seidel, Dan Dourte, Richard Bernier, Amy Bainbridge (The Balmoral Group)
Lynn Hoshihara, Evan Rosenthal (Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.)

Item 1. Call to Order.

Chairman Commissioner Christopher Constance will call the meeting to order.

Item 2. Roll Call.

Valerie Seidel will call the roll.

Item 3. Additions or Deletions.

Any additions or deletions to the committee meeting agenda will be announced.

RECOMMEND: Approval of a final agenda.

Item 4. Public Comments.

The public is invited to provide comments on issues that are on today's agenda. The meeting will be conducted electronically (or "virtually"). You may participate in the meeting electronically by joining the go to meeting at <https://meet.goto.com/176854197> you may also dial in using your phone:

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Please note: Individuals who have comments concerning a specific agenda item shall make an effort to communicate with staff prior to that agenda item.

(please see backup pages 5-6)

Item 5. Executive Committee At-Large Committee Member Selection

The three elected officers are required to select four additional Directors to serve as “at large,” or “at large alternate” voting members of the Executive Committee (two were at the previous Board meeting). The three elected Executive Committee members will select two additional “at-large alternate” voting members of the Executive Committee.

RECOMMEND: Approval of 2 newly selected at-large alternate members

(Please see back up pages 7-8)

Item 6. Audit Committee Members

Review proposed audit committee process to accommodate retirements and changes from the previous audit committee. Rick Arthur (Charlotte County) in combination with existing finance committee would serve as this year’s audit committee.

RECOMMEND: Approval of audit committee

(Please see back up pages 9-11)

Item 7. Public Comments

The public is invited to provide comments on relevant issues. *(Please see back up pages 12-13)*

Item 8. Board Member Comments

Members of the Gulf Consortium Executive Committee are invited to provide comments on relevant issues *(Please see back up pages 14-15)*

Item 9. Upcoming Gulf Consortium Board Meeting

June 26, 2024 at 3pm ET. 14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Ln, Orlando, FL 32821

Item 10. Adjourn

Gulf Consortium Directors, Alternates and Governor's Appointees 2024

County	Directors and Alternates
Bay	Commissioner Robert Carroll, Director, Commissioner Doug Moore, Alternate
Charlotte	Commissioner Christopher Constance, Chair; Commissioner Ken Doherty, Alternate; Emily Lewis, Alternate
Citrus	Commissioner Rebecca Bays, Director; Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach, Alternate
Collier	Commissioner Burt Saunders, Director; Commissioner Penny Taylor, Alternate
Dixie	Duane Cannon, Director; Martha McCaskill, Alternate
Escambia	Commissioner Robert Bender, Director; Commissioner Doug Underhill, Alternate
Franklin	Commissioner Ricky Jones, Director; Michael Morón, Alternate
Gulf	Clay Smallwood, Director; Sherry Herring, Alternate
Hernando	Commissioner John Allocco, Director; Commissioner Carla Burrmann, Alternate
Hillsborough	Commissioner Ken Hagan, Alternate
Jefferson	Parrish Barwick, County Administrator, Alternate
Lee	Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Director; Kurt Harclerode, Alternate
Levy	Commissioner John Meeks, Vice Chair; Tisha Whitehurst, Alternate
Manatee	Commissioner George Kruse, Director; Charlie Hunsicker, Alternate
Monroe	Lisa Tennyson, Alternate; Commissioner David Rice, Alternate
Okaloosa	Commissioner Paul Mixon, Director; Commissioner Mel Ponder, Alternate
Pasco	Commissioner Jack Mariano, Secretary/Treasurer
Pinellas	Commissioner Charlie Justice, Director; Stacey Day, Alternate; Yana Matiyuk; Alternate
Santa Rosa	Commissioner Colten Wright, Director; Commissioner Sam Parker, Alternate
Sarasota	Commissioner Neil Rainford, Director; Joseph Kraus, Alternate
Taylor	Commissioner Jim Moody, Director; LaWanda Pemberton, Alternate; Commissioner Thomas Demps, Alternate
Wakulla	David Edwards, Director; Commissioner Ralph Thomas, Alternate
Walton	Commissioner Donna Johns, Director; Commissioner Tony Anderson, Alternate; Melinda Gates, Alternate
Governor's Appointees	Pam Anderson, Panama City; Peter Bos, Destin; Lino Maldonado, Niceville; Collier Merrill, Pensacola; Mike Sole, Tallahassee; Neal Wade, Panama City

Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Gulf Consortium

The Gulf Consortium announces a public meeting of its Board Members via communications media technology to which all persons are invited to participate.

DATE AND TIME: May 2, 2024 at 4:00 pm (ET)

PLACE: This meeting will be conducted via teleconference only.

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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board Members of the Gulf Consortium will meet to hold elections, review the status of grant applications and grants, review financials, and conduct other business at the discretion of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained at www.gulfconsortium.org or by contacting: General Manager at 407-629-2185 or Gulf.Consortium@balmoralgroup.us.

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AGENDA ITEM 4

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**Agenda Item 4
Public Comments**

Statement of Issue:

The public is invited to provide comments on issues that are on today's agenda

Attachments:

None

Prepared by:

Grant Miller
The Balmoral Group
Economic Analyst
On: April 24, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 5

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting
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**Agenda Item 5
Executive Committee At-Large Member Selection**

Statement of Issue:

The three elected officers – Chair Constance, Vice-Chair Meeks, Secretary-Treasurer Mariano – are required to select two additional Directors to serve as “at large,” voting members of the Executive Committee. This was completed at the previous Board meeting – David Edwards (Wakulla County) and Charlie Justice (Pinellas County) were selected to continue serving on the Executive Committee.

Also, the Executive Committee selects two additional “at-large alternate” voting members of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Paul Mixon (Okaloosa County) and Commissioner Robert Carroll (Bay County) have volunteered to serve as Executive Committee at-large alternate members.

Options:

- 1) Approval of 2 at-large alternate members to Executive Committee (those identified above)
- 2) Board direction

Recommendation:

Option 1

Prepared by:

Grant Miller
The Balmoral Group
On: April 24, 2024

Action Taken:

Motion to: _____, Made by: _____; Seconded

by: _____.

Approved ____; Approved as amended ____; Defeated ____.

AGENDA ITEM 6

**Gulf Consortium Board Meeting
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**Agenda Item 6
Audit Committee Members**

Statement of Issue:

Review proposed audit committee process to accommodate retirements and changes from the previous audit committee.

Background:

The Audit committee is comprised of three to five members, drawn from Board members with finance or accounting experience, and county staff with similar credentials. The committee independently receives a formal presentation of the audit report from the external auditors, and accepts the report for recommended approval to the Board.

Discussion:

In the past quarter, several committee members have taken on new roles and are no longer able to serve. Committee member Commissioner Bender, who served on this committee since 2019, has taken a new role and no longer serves as a Consortium Director. Committee member Helen Gornes (Hernando County) retired earlier than anticipated, and Committee member Yana Matiyuk (Pinellas) recently took a private sector job. This leaves one member of Audit committee, Richard Arthur, who is Charlotte County staff.

Since staff anticipates likely only needing one meeting with the external auditors, in lieu of standing up an entirely new committee this year, we propose a one-off meeting this year where we have a special Finance Committee meeting that includes the remaining Audit Committee member, Richard Arthur (Charlotte County). Mr. Arthur in combination with existing finance committee would serve as this year's audit committee. As a result, the 2024 Audit Committee would be composed as:

- Lawanda Pemberton (Taylor County)
- Patricia Wilken (Sarasota)
- Commissioner Robert Carroll (Bay County)
- Richard Arthur (Charlotte County)

Audit committee is designed to be independent of both staff and the Board, and report to the Board with its findings. To that end, one element of their duties is to meet with the auditors without staff present. This element would occur at this special meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1) Approve proposed Audit Committee as proposed
- 2) Other Board Direction

Prepared by:

Valerie Seidel
The Balmoral Group
On: April 24, 2024

Action Taken:

Motion to: _____, Made by: _____; Seconded

by: _____.

Approved ____; Approved as amended ____; Defeated _____.

AGENDA ITEM 7

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**Agenda Item 7
Public Comments**

Statement of Issue:

The public is invited to provide comments on issues that are NOT on today's agenda.

Attachments:

None

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Grant Miller
The Balmoral Group
On: April 24, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 8

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**Agenda Item 8
Board Member Comments**

Statement of Issue:

Members of the Consortium Board are invited to provide comments on relevant issues.

Attachments:

None

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Grant Miller
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On: April 24, 2024