

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 5

From: Staff

Date: February 16, 2018 Council Meeting

Subject: Constitution Revision Commission Update – Presentation by Indian River County Commissioner and Constitution Revision Commission Member, Bob Solari

Introduction

The 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) is the third Commission of its kind in Florida history. Florida's Constitution was amended in 1968 and requires the CRC to: 1) convene every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution; 2) hold public hearings throughout the state; and 3) recommend any changes to the Florida Constitution for voter consideration.

Background

The 2017-2018 CRC is a group of 37 people who will review and recommend changes to Florida's Constitution (see CRC Member List). Fifteen members are appointed by the Governor; nine by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; nine by the President of the Florida Senate; three by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court; and one by the Attorney General of Florida. Four of those members reside in the Treasure Coast Region.

This CRC is chaired by Carlos Beruff, a Governor's appointment. The CRC held its organizational meeting on March 20, 2017. On July 14, 2017, Chairman Beruff formed 12 committees and announced committee assignments (see CRC Committee List).

Currently, the CRC is considering 103 Commission member proposals. Of those 103 proposals, 55 of them, as of this writing, have either been withdrawn or "laid on the table." There are 782 proposals from the public that have been received by the CRC.

The 2017-2018 CRC has until May 10, 2018 to complete its work, which is the deadline to submit its final report and recommendations to the Florida Secretary of State. Proposed CRC amendments to the Florida Constitution will be placed on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot. Proposed constitutional amendments must be approved by at least 60 percent of the electors voting on the measure. Unless another date is specified in the amendment, all approved measures will become effective on January 8, 2019.

Conclusion

Since the last CRC convened in 1997-1998, Florida's population has grown by more than five million people and access to social media and the Internet has created a historic level of public input. Changing a constitution has a much more lasting impact than changing state laws. Florida's CRC is historic in that it occurs only once every 20 years. The 37 commissioners will ultimately decide on proposed changes to the Florida Constitution that will make it to the ballot for a voter decision on November 6, 2018. Council is pleased to have CRC member Bob Solari provide Council an update on the work to date.

Recommendation

For information purposes only.

Attachments

Constitution Revision Commission Member List

Commissioners Appointed by Governor Rick Scott:

- Chairman Carlos Beruff
- Commissioner Jose Armas
- Commissioner Lisa Carlton
- Commissioner Timothy Cerio
- Commissioner Emery Gainey
- Commissioner Brecht Heuchan
- Commissioner Marva Johnson
- Commissioner Darlene Jordan
- Commissioner Fred Karlinsky
- Commissioner Belinda Keiser
- Commissioner Frank Kruppenbacher
- Commissioner Gary Lester
- Commissioner Tom Grady
- Commissioner Pam Stewart
- Commissioner Nicole Washington

Commissioners Appointed by Florida Senate President Joe Negron:

- Commissioner Anna Marie Hernandez Gamez
- Commissioner Don Gaetz
- Commissioner Patricia Levesque
- Commissioner Sherry Plymale
- Commissioner Bill Schifino Jr.
- Commissioner Chris Smith
- Commissioner Bob Solari
- Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch
- Commissioner Carolyn Timmann

Commissioners Appointed by Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran:

- Commissioner Jose Felix Diaz
- Commissioner Erika Donalds
- Commissioner Tom Lee
- Commissioner Rich Newsome
- Commissioner Chris Nocco
- Commissioner Jeanette Nuñez
- Commissioner Darryl Rouson
- Commissioner Chris Sprowls
- Commissioner John Stemberger

Commissioners Appointed by Chief Justice Jorge Labarga:

- Commissioner Hank Coxe
- Commissioner Arthenia Joyner
- Commissioner Roberto Martinez

Alternate Members

Governor Scott identified the following individuals to serve as alternates should one of the appointees not be able to fulfill their duties for the duration of the CRC:

- Tom Kuntz, Chairman of the Board of Governors for the State University System of Florida
- Don Eslinger, former Sheriff of Seminole County
- Judge John Stargel, Circuit Judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit

General Counsel for the CRC

- Will Spicola

2017-2018 CRC Committee Assignments

Standing Substantive Committees

Bonding and Investments (Article VII)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Chris Smith
- **Vice Chair**, Jose “Pepe” Armas
- Commissioner Don Gaetz
- Commissioner Frank Kruppenbacher
- Commissioner Rich Newsome
- Commissioner Darryl Rouson
- Commissioner Bob Solari

Declaration of Rights (Article I)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Lisa Carlton
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner John Stemberger
- Commissioner Erika Donalds
- Commissioner Emery Gainey
- Commissioner Marva Johnson
- Commissioner Arthenia Joyner
- Commissioner Gary Lester

Education (Article IX)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Marva Johnson
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Nicole Washington
- Commissioner Erika Donalds
- Commissioner Tom Grady
- Commissioner Darlene Jordan
- Commissioner Belinda Keiser
- Commissioner Patricia Levesque
- Commissioner Chris Sprowls
- Commissioner Pam Stewart

Ethics and Elections (Article VI, part of Article II)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Hank Coxe
- **Vice Chair**, Frank Kruppenbacher
- Commissioner Don Gaetz
- Commissioner Brecht Heuchan
- Commissioner Arthenia Joyner
- Commissioner Rich Newsome
- Commissioner Sherry Plymale
- Commissioner Bill Schifino
- Commissioner Chris Smith

Executive (Article IV)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Darlene Jordan
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Chris Sprowls
- Commissioner Pam Bondi
- Commissioner Jose Felix Diaz
- Commissioner Don Gaetz
- Commissioner Belinda Keiser
- Commissioner Chris Nocco
- Commissioner Pam Stewart
- Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch

Finance and Taxation (Article VII)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Fred Karlinsky
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Tom Grady
- Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Armas
- Commissioner Jeanette Nuñez
- Commissioner Darryl Rouson
- Commissioner Chris Smith
- Commissioner Nicole Washington

General Provisions (Articles II, X, XI, and XII)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Emery Gainey
- Commissioner Brecht Heuchan
- Commissioner Fred Karlinsky
- Commissioner Gary Lester
- Commissioner Jeanette Nuñez
- Commissioner Sherry Plymale

Judicial (Article V)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Bill Schifino
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Anna Marie Hernandez Gamez
- Commissioner Pam Bondi
- Commissioner Tim Cerio
- Commissioner Hank Coxe
- Commissioner Arthenia Joyner
- Commissioner Tom Lee
- Commissioner Roberto Martinez
- Commissioner Carolyn Timmann

Legislative (Article III)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Jose Felix Diaz
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Belinda Keiser
- Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Armas
- Commissioner Lisa Carlton
- Commissioner Tom Lee
- Commissioner Patricia Levesque
- Commissioner Darryl Rouson

Local Government (Article VIII)

- **Chair**, Commissioner Erika Donalds
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Chris Nocco
- Commissioner Emery Gainey
- Commissioner Bob Solari
- Commissioner John Stemberger
- Commissioner Carolyn Timmann
- Commissioner Nicole Washington

Standing Procedural Committees

Rules and Administration

- **Chair**, Commissioner Tim Cerio
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Sherry Plymale
- Commissioner Lisa Carlton
- Commissioner Hank Coxe
- Commissioner Jose Felix Diaz
- Commissioner Erika Donalds
- Commissioner Marva Johnson
- Commissioner Fred Karlinsky
- Commissioner Carolyn Timmann

Style and Drafting

- **Chair**, Commissioner Brecht Heuchan
- **Vice Chair**, Commissioner Carolyn Timmann
- Commissioner Tim Cerio
- Commissioner Anna Marie Hernandez Gamez
- Commissioner Tom Grady
- Commissioner Darlene Jordan
- Commissioner Frank Kruppenbacher
- Commissioner Gary Lester
- Commissioner Roberto Martinez
- Commissioner Jeanette Nuñez
- Commissioner Chris Sprowls