

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

*2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940*



Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

5:00 PM

Organizational Meeting

Commission Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:03 PM

Present: Commissioner District 1 Katie Delaney, Commissioner District 2 Tom Goodson, Commissioner District 3 Kim Adkinson, Commissioner District 4 Rob Feltner, and Commissioner District 5 Thad Altman

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Goodson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

Pastor Kevin Jeffrey administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kathryn Delaney.

Honorable Judge Tesha Scolaro Ballou administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Thad Altman.

Honorable Judge Tesha Scolaro Ballou administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kimberly Adkinson.

E. SELECTION: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024-2025

Commissioner Goodson stated they were moving into the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chair; the former Chair was Jason Steele in District 5, therefore, Commissioner Altman cannot serve in District 5 as Chairman at this time; once elected the Chair and Vice-Chair will serve for a year until the next Organizational meeting; and with that being said, Commissioner Goodson nominated Commissioner Feltner as Chair.

The Board selected Commissioner Feltner as Chair for 2024-2025.

Result: Approved

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Katie Delaney

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Commissioner Feltner stated Commissioner Goodson only nominated him so he would not have to lead the meeting; this was a happy meeting and he appreciated everyone being there for the event of swearing in the new Commissioners; there are three new Commissioners, and it is not lost to him that 60 percent of the Board are new; he welcomed all Commissioners, saying there is a lot of work ahead; and that all Commissioners are very capable. He mentioned there are some housekeeping issues, then Board Reports afterwards; the Commissioners can thank everyone who supported him or her; he stated it is not a small thing to win an election with a lot of people to thank; and he continued by asking for a nomination for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Adkinson nominated Commissioner Goodson for Vice-Chair.

The Board selected Commissioner Goodson as Vice-Chair for 2024-2025.

Result: Approved

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

F.3. Katie Delaney, Commissioner District 1, Re: Board Report

Commissioner Delaney stated as she looked out seeing all her friends and supporters, that she would not be there without them; she also recognized her husband, children, parents, Kevin and Joyce, too many to name; one thing that she can promise is she is the same person today that she has been for many years, fighting for what is right and she will not stop; with the new Board, it will have a different tone; the public trust is something she holds near and dear to her heart; if there is anything to celebrate, anyone needs help, she will be there; she is very excited to get to work; she wanted to give a shout out to the firefighters and thanked them all for everything they do on a daily basis for the community; she will be fighting for them; and she thanked her supporters and the new Board.

F.5. Kim Adkinson, Commissioner District 3, Re: Board Report

Commissioner Adkinson stated she wrote her speech so she would not get emotional; she expressed her appreciation to everyone for being there; she is grateful for the incredible privilege to serve as the next District 3 Commissioner, and she thanked all her family and friends there for supporting her; she mentioned how they walked in ridiculously hot weather, knocked on doors in the rain, put their own reputations on the line, and she will make them proud; and she owed them all a serious debt of gratitude. She stated she is there to be a Commissioner to all of Brevard County; her promise is that she would listen and work for all residents, and she intends to do that; she hopes that as a Board they would find common ground and work together to address the challenges as they arise; each Commissioner has his or her own vision for Brevard's future based on each individual life experiences, that they are neighbors and have to listen to each other; and during her campaign she listened to many unique stories of people in District 3, such as neighborhood leaders who asked her to help address concerns from traffic to environment and public safety, small business owners that wanted to be a part of the thriving Brevard County, however, felt that they possibly could not afford to keep their doors open, young people who were excited to carve out their place in Brevard County, and lifelong residents who work hard every day but are not confident that they will not be able to live here as Brevard County grows. She stated sometimes the narratives they have complement each other and sometimes they do not; however, better decisions are made when respect is shown for all perspectives; she is grateful to be joined in the effort with new Commissioners and returning Commissioners; each Commissioner offers a unique perspective, one that is going to make conversations more comprehensive and she thinks decisions will be better; when there are disagreements, and there will be, she hopes he or she remember diversity of opinion reflects diversity of Brevard residents; and she suggests each Commissioner would govern with respect for each other while remembering the shared goal is to help the people thrive in Brevard County. She continued by saying their job is to listen and lead, that the journey ahead is not always going to be easy or quick but will take everyone working and living side-by-side to get through this; she is there to be a County Commissioner for all of the residents of District's 1 thru 5; and she thanked everyone for the opportunity.

F.7. Thad Altman, Commissioner District 5, Re: Board Report

Commissioner Altman stated it is an incredible honor to be there and he is deeply grateful for the trust that the people of Brevard have given to him; he recognized his wife and her support in the process knowing he would not be there without it; he called out Sue Schmidt, who he previously served with, it was an honor to see her; and also Pam Barrett who is with his staff. He stated each Commissioner lives in a very special place, in a community like Brevard County; it has a role that is much bigger than itself; what the Commissioners and all the professional staff does is really keep the County running, which is bigger than he or she; there is a role that expands beyond the State, country, even the universe; it is a very sacred role he

or she has to be a part of the community that is leading mankind to the stars; it is a great honor; and he is excited and looking forward to stepping up and working with the Commissioners to do what needs to be done and meet the challenges he or she has.

F.6. Rob Feltner, Chair District 4, Re: Board Report

Chair Feltner stated the next Board Meeting will be December 3, 2024, which everyone is looking forward to; he encouraged the Commissioners to participate in briefing with the staff in preparation; his expectations on how the future meetings will be handled, respectfully with two former members, it should be no surprise that the way committee meetings should be run is a good example, and hopes to run meetings in that fashion; it will take everyone to do that and the new Commissioners will catch on quickly; and with that, he entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Goodson stated, he wanted to compliment the audience by saying it was the nicest meeting he had been to in two years; as far as the new members, he or she has no idea; he decided to stay two more years to watch the show; the audience acted wonderful; and he hopes everyone can come together.

Upon motion and vote, the meeting adjourn at 5:19 PM.

Result: Approved

Mover: Tom Goodson

Secunder: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN
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