

**A RESOLUTION BY THE PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE PASCO COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

---

**WHEREAS**, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the value of arts and culture to society; and

**WHEREAS**, Pasco County is home to multiple and diverse art and cultural resources and opportunities, as well as people dedicated to cultural affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners desires to establish the Pasco County Cultural Affairs Advisory Council to bring these resources, opportunities, and people together so that a greater focus on cultural affairs may occur.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, in regular session duly assembled, that the Pasco County Cultural Affairs Advisory Council is hereby established.

Section 1. Purpose and Work of the Commission.

The mission of the Pasco County Cultural Affairs Advisory Council (Council) is to provide cultural opportunities to the community through integrated and collaborative actions and seek to establish Pasco County as a cultural destination.

The Council shall:

- 1) Advocate for the arts and culture by encouraging the study and presentation of arts and cultural activities within Pasco County.
- 2) Provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on matters pertaining to arts and culture in Pasco County.
- 3) Encourage residents throughout Pasco County to participate in and appreciate arts and culture.
- 4) Encourage public interest in Pasco County's cultural heritage and expand the County's cultural resources.
- 6) Apply for grants available through the Florida Division of Arts and Culture, Florida Humanities Council, and other grant agencies including private foundations.
- 7) Establish an awards program that recognizes cultural programs, workshops, and events in Pasco County.

Each of the following County Departments shall appoint a liaison to coordinate with the Council on its activities and promotion of cultural affairs in Pasco County: Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources, Florida's Sports Coast, and Library Services.

Section 2. Composition of the Commission and Membership.

Each member appointed to the Council shall have an interest in cultural affairs as evidenced by a significant contribution to the arts, including but not limited to, music, theatre, dance, photography, literature, media arts, art galleries or museums, or to culture/historical societies in Pasco County or the Tampa Bay Region. Geographical representation (east, west, and central sections of the County) shall be considered in appointing members. The Council shall be composed of five (5) members and be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Applicants qualified to serve on the Council shall be reviewed and recommended by Libraries Services Administration to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment.

Member vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall be able to devote the time necessary to participate in the activities of the Council. Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties as members of the Council; however, each member may be paid necessary expenses, as authorized in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, incurred while engaged in the performance of duties to the extent funds are available and such expenses are approved in advance by the County.

Initial terms of the members of the Council shall be staggered so that the terms of two members shall be one (1) year, and all others shall be two (2) years. After the initial staggered terms, member terms shall be for two (2) years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member of the Council may be removed by the Board without cause at the discretion of the Board, or by the Board for misfeasance, malfeasance, willful neglect of duty, or failure to attend three or more consecutive meetings for any reasons whatsoever.

Section 3 Officers, Quorum, and Rules of Procedure.

The Council shall elect a Chairperson to preside at all meetings. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting at which the Council is convened and thereafter in January of each year and shall serve until the first meeting in January of the following year. There shall be no term limits for a member to serve as Chairperson.

The Council shall elect a Vice-Chairperson to preside and act on behalf of the Chairperson during his or her absence. The term of office and method of election for the Vice-Chairperson shall be the same as the Chairperson.

The presence of a majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum of the Council necessary to take action and transact business. In addition, once quorum requirements have been met, an affirmative vote of the majority of the Council members present at a meeting shall be necessary for the Council to take any action. A tie vote shall not be considered an affirmative vote. No vacancy in the membership of the Council shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Council.

APPROVED  
IN SESSION

The Council may, by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Council, adopt rules of procedure or bylaws for the transaction of business; provided, however, any such rules or bylaws shall comply with laws of the State and with this Resolution. Should no rules be adopted the Council shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 4. Meetings.

Notice of regular or special meetings of the Council and the time and location of each meeting shall be published to the public. The Council shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be held at least every other month. A schedule of each year's regular meetings shall be distributed to all Council members in December of the preceding calendar year. The Chairperson may call a special meeting of the Council on his/her initiative and shall call a special meeting at the request of any three (3) members. Council meetings shall be held in a public facility of sufficient size to accommodate those present and at such locations as the Council may determine from time to time.

Section 5. Compliance with Applicable Laws.

All Council activities shall be applicable with federal, state, and local ordinances and are deemed to be included in this Resolution the same as though herein written out in full. All Council meetings shall be open to the public and subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida open meetings ("Sunshine") laws, Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. The records of the Council shall also be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, and Florida Statutes. The members of the Council shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Chapter 112, Part 111, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to sections 112.313 and 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Section 6. Term.

Six (6) years after the date of adoption of this Resolution, the Board shall review the activities of the Council to determine whether the Council still serves a necessary function and should continue in existence.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



APPROVED  
IN SESSION

APR 05 2022

PASCO COUNTY  
BCC

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, ESQ.  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

Kathryn Starkey, Chairman BOCC