



TO: James Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Wendi Bost, Library Services Director 

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025015

CEER #2025015, titled Satellite Beach Public Library Board Reinstatement, was received by the County from Arlin E. Massey.

Citizen Statement:

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Citizen Recommendation:

Return to individual Librart Boards for each library.

Staff Analysis:

In May 2022, the Board of County Commissioners consolidated the various Library Boards with a final configuration of three Boards: (1) the County Library System Advisory Board, (2) the North Brevard Library Advisory Board, and (3) the South/Central Brevard Public Library Advisory Board. The two regional Library Boards were consolidated to increase efficiency and facilitate communication by combining seven individual Library Boards into two regional Boards. The three Boards have a combined 29 members. All municipalities have elected to dissolve their boards, except the City of Satellite Beach. There is one member from the City of Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board on the South/Central Public Library Advisory Board.

In addition to the three Library Advisory Boards, there are 11 Friends of the Library groups, all volunteer-operated at 11 libraries, that provide feedback to the libraries and contribute over \$150,000 to them.

With the two regional advisory boards and the system board, the Library Services Department Director and other Administration staff have been able to attend all Library Board meetings,

which was impossible under the previous structure of Library Advisory Boards. The current advisory board structure has allowed the Boards to learn about the library as a system and are provided with current information, facts, and data. At all meetings, suggestions and feedback are welcome from the public and Board Members.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation CEER #2025015 as it does not enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of County Government as required by the Home Rule Charter.

c.c. Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 10:43 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026015

Recommendation # 2026015

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026015 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

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Recommendation Title	Satellite Beach Public Library Board Reinstatement
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
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