

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2026 8:35 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026059

Recommendation # 2026059

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026059 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026059
Recommendation Title	Speak Up Brevard Workshop 2026
Areas Affected	An educational program
Department Affected	
Current problem	Civic engagement
Recommendation	As a former manager for the federal government and a former long-term Board member for my HOA in Brevard, it's been my experience that a lot of time and money can be saved when citizens understand how their government works and are encouraged to be civically engaged in the process. And when this happens, the value of the connections made and the long-term benefits to a community's overall health and welfare and quality of life are almost immeasurable. For these reasons, I'm writing to ask that the County Commission conduct another Speak Up Brevard Workshop in 2026. For Susan.
Attachments	No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager
FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026059

CEER #2026059, titled Speak Up Brevard Workshop 2026, was received by the County from T. Alexandra Mott.

Citizen Statement:

Civic engagement

Citizen Recommendation:

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Staff Analysis:

An educated and informed public is a valuable resource. To help our citizens better understand their local government, the UF/IFAS Extension Services offers an annual Citizens Academy in the spring, with presentation from many departments and Charter offices to encourage our community to be engaged in our County government.

There were 61 Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness recommendations received during this year's Speak Up Brevard Campaign. This program was initiated by County Charter in 2008 during a recession and was intended to generate recommendations from citizens on ways the County could operate more efficiently and effectively. As indicated under County Charter Section 2.9.10., the Board of County Commissioners shall develop procedures that will provide a mechanism for an individual, or an organized group of individuals to submit a formal written recommendation for the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of County



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government to the County Commission on an annual basis. The County Commission's procedures shall include the following provisions:

- (a) **An Annual filing date;**
- (b) **The written recommendations shall be reviewed by the County Commission, and following the review, the County Commission shall vote to either accept the recommendation, accept the recommendation with revisions, or reject the recommendation, and**
- (c) **The County Commissioners' final vote and consideration of the recommendation shall occur no later than 120 days after the receipt of the written recommendation.**

On Feb. 10, 2026, The Board of County Commissioners considered Item J.2. 2026 Susan B. Connolly Speak Up Brevard Workshop for commissioners to hear citizen effectiveness and efficiency recommendations: Following discussion, the Board voted 4-1 (D2 against) to allow citizens who provided CEER recommendations to address the Board at an upcoming meeting (April/May timeframe); to make the Speak Up Brevard agenda item time certain (so that participants won't have to sit through other agenda items if desired); and to extend speaker time to 5 minutes, instead of the typical three minute public comment period.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2026059 based on the Feb. 10 action taken by the Board. On Feb. 10, 2026, the Board voted 4-1 to implement a time certain CEER presentation period for those who made recommendations to address the Board at its May 5, 2026 meeting.