



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940

Legislation Text

File #: 2705, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Approval; RE: Final ranking and appointment of EEL Selection and Management Committee (SMC) Members - All Districts.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no fiscal impacts to General Revenue funds. There are no impacts to EEL Program funds.

Dept/Office:

Parks and Recreation/Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board review and rank applicants, appoint the three highest ranked applicants and appoint the next highest ranked applicant as an alternate committee member.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On December 8, 2020, the Board reappointed all current science members on the EEL Selection and Management Committee who were able to attend meetings in-person, appointed Mac McLouth as the Tourism Development Council representative, and directed staff to advertise and fill the three remaining science positions with individuals who are able to attend in-person meetings with the opportunity for current members to reapply.

The openings were publicly advertised with all submitted applications reviewed and initially ranked by the Qualifying Committee on February 12, 2021. The list of qualified applicants was reviewed and confirmed by the EEL Procedures Committee on March 5, 2021. Five qualified applicants are now being presented to the Board for final ranking and appointment to fill three open positions and one alternate position.

The list of qualified candidates and their initial ranking scores are as follows:

1. Dr. Paul Schmalzer with 122 points.
2. Dr. Mark Bush with 122 points.
3. James Burney with 117 points.
4. Rio Throm Bonds with 117 points.
5. Jennifer Thompson with 112 points.

Please note that each applicant was asked to confirm their ability to attend in-person meetings. Dr. Paul Schmalzer responded, "When NASA Covid-19 restrictions end". All other applicants responded yes, they were available to attend in-person meetings.

If the Board selects Dr. Paul Schmalzer, the approval must be by **supermajority** as Dr. Schmalzer has served

more than two consecutive terms of four (4) years.

The Board is requested to complete the final ranking process as defined in the EEL Land Acquisition Manual by each Board member assigning a score of 1, 2 or 3, with 3 being the highest score, to each of the qualified applicants. Staff will collect and tabulate the scores. The three applicants with the highest scores will be appointed to the committee. The applicant with the next highest score will be appointed as an alternate committee member.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please return Board Memorandum to the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program.

Attachments:

District Final Ranking Sheet

SMC Applicant Packets

Appointment Process Section of EEL Land Acquisition Manual

EEL Procedures Committee Recommendation