

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

August 5, 2021

9:00 AM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

## **Joint City/County Food System Policy Board**

*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (Vice-Chair)*

*Commissioner Reina Saco*

*Commissioner Anna Prizzia (Chair)*

*Commissioner Mary Alford*

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## CALL TO ORDER - 9:15 AM

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 4 - Duncan-Walker, Saco, Alford, and Prizzia

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**A motion was made by Prizzia that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Duncan-Walker, Alford, Prizzia, and Saco

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 210215. Selection of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (B)

Motion by Commissioner Saco: Nominate Commissioner Prizzia as Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Prizzia: Nominate Commissioner Duncan-Walker as Vice-Chairperson.

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Joint Board should select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Joint Board.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**Aye:** 4 - Duncan-Walker, Alford, Prizzia, and Saco

### 210216. Determine Process for Filling Vacancies on Joint Board (B)

Motion: 1) Adopt a method for the recruitment of voting members to the Joint County/City Food System Policy Board using current City Commission or Board of County Commissioners recruitment processes; 2) Direct staff to go back to Board of County Commissioners and City Commission bodies and ask for amendments to include voting seats for FAMU, Santa Fe College, and one (1) representative from an urban area impacted by food insecurity.

Member Comment:

Roberta Griffith obtained clarification on the application process for adding board members. The Board would be taking applications from UF's IFAS. Santa Fe College and FAMU candidates will need the approval of their respective institutions. Karissa Raskin advised that UF's leadership recommended a couple of

people to the board. Chairperson Prizzia requested the names and resumes for the Board's review.

Lee Feldman stated his understanding was that the Board should appoint members, but deferred to the County's attorney. County Attorney Bob Swain responded that the Board appoints the IFAS member as opposed to both Commissions. The Board also has the authority to appoint specialized members. Commissioner Saco sought clarification on whether the Board should be limited to determining how additional board members are recruited and appointed--but not necessarily who is selected. She is fine with whatever decision the Board as a whole makes. She noted it's still unknown if the City or County's advisory board process will be utilized in selections. Chairperson Prizzia stated the County's advisory board selection process will be used. Commissioner Alford suggested the Board make selections, then have both Commissions ratify those selections. Chairperson Prizzia stated the Board's votes will be referred back to both Commissions, but the Board has final authority to select the members. Commissioner Saco clarified that the Board receive the IFAS nominee put forth by UF for the rural seat utilizing the County's board application process, and that the Board should ask both Commissions for additional member seats to include Santa Fe College, FAMU, and one (1) member familiar with food insecurity.

Karissa Raskin asked if the same nominating process used for the IFAS candidate should be used for the additional three member nominees. Chairperson Prizzia stated the three should be non-voters until approved by both Commissions, and suggested they receive informal nominations with possible upgrade to board members later. The Chair welcomed the City to promote the board opportunity and nomination process along with the County.

Public Comment: Kali Blount spoke to the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Joint Board should discuss strategies for recruiting and/or appointing individuals to fill the two vacant seats on the Joint Board. The Joint Board should direct staff to take action to initiate recruitment/appointment based on the outcomes of this discussion.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**Aye:** 4 - Duncan-Walker, Alford, Prizzia, and Saco

**[210217.](#)**

**Discussion of Future Meetings Schedule and Length (NB)**

Motion: The Board meet monthly with the goal of two-hour meet times, and allow staff to determine the most convenient time for evening meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Joint Board should discuss a preferred schedule for future meetings in terms of frequency and length of meeting, and direct staff to schedule meetings accordingly.*

**A motion was made by Alford, seconded by Duncan-Walker, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Duncan-Walker, Alford, Prizzia, and Saco

**200604.**

**Discussion of Scope and Goals for Joint Board (B)**

Motion: The scope and goals of the Joint City/County Food System Policy Board:

1) Development and opening of community groceries; 2) development of a Foodshed map; 3) promote and enlist fellow public and private institutions to develop a Good Food Purchasing Program; 4) create a Healthy Corner Store Initiative; 5) community education that is being done by the City or the County with regards to food (e.g., Plant-of-the Month Program); and 6) Community Gardens and land access for farms and gardens.

Member Comment:

Chairperson Prizzia inquired if the Board would have an opportunity to review the City's contract on the east side grocery store to assure the Joint City/County Food System Policy Board's concerns are embedded in it. Commissioner Saco responded that the Board can advise, however the City may not feel obligated to follow the Board's recommendations. Roberta Griffith added that the City's timeline for moving on the issue may be faster than the Board meets. Commissioner Saco offered that as City Commissioners she and Vice-Chairperson Duncan-Walker can share the concerns and suggestions of the Board during Commission meetings on the matter. Chairperson Prizzia responded she would like there to be some connection to the 9 member Advisory Board for the grocery store to give them teeth. This could be done by allowing the Joint City/County Food System Policy Board to review the terms of the agreement. Commissioner Saco responded that the terms remain with the City Attorney, and she is unsure if the agreement will be done draft by draft or piece by piece. Karissa Raskin offered to pass along to City Attorney Shalley any specific things Chairperson Prizzia would like to see included during the drafting phase.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Joint Board hear staffs' presentation on progress made on the initiatives included in Section 2(b) of the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Joint Food System Policy Board, as well as other initiatives, and discuss a strategy for making further progress. Direct staff, where possible recognizing full board is missing members, regarding project timelines, resources, goals, and responsibilities.*

**A motion was made by Prizzia that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 4 - Duncan-Walker, Alford, Prizzia, and Saco

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE - September 8, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT - 10:30 AM**