

City of Gainesville

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Advisory Board Appointments (B)

On December 18, 2014 the City Commission referred a discussion of Advisory Board Appointments to the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee.

The referral suggested that the City Commission consider a more formal interview process for certain board appointments, particularly quasi-judicial boards or boards with more decision making powers. Currently, members of the City Commission receive copies of applications for advisory board openings and have the option to interview the applicants or check their references individually. Each member of the City Commission then submits its vote to the Clerk of the Commission. The votes are tallied and the applicant with the majority vote is placed on the agenda for a final vote of the full Commission.

Attached is a matrix including all City appointed Advisory Boards and Committees, their powers and duties, number of members, terms, residency requirements, and their quasi-judicial status.

At the April 14, 2015 Legislative and Organizational Policy meeting, the members discussed the current procedure of selecting applicants to ensure a diverse group of people serve on the Advisory Boards and Committees since these individuals make decisions with long-lasting impacts on the City.

None

The City Commission: 1) Establish which Advisory Board vacancies should be interviewed for and which should be filled by completing a ballot; and 2) Remove this agenda item from the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee's referral list.