



VSC Governance Committee Meeting

Aug 3rd at 9:00AM via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:01AM; In attendance: JL, RR, JL, JS and ED, excused: Mark Sherwin

Update on VSC Board Recommendations from last Governance meeting

ED updated group that Julie from WCBTT had declined interest to be considered for VSC board this time due to an illness in the family. ED updated group that she and Mark Sherwin met the other candidate, Trevor Markham of the Baltimore O's for coffee and that both thought he would be a good candidate for the board. While Mark was unable to attend this meeting, he did provide a letter to note he was in favor of Trevor coming onto the board.

The committee then discussed who was rolling off board and end of year, Richard Russell, Susie Bowie and Mike Quillen and looked at Matrix to continue conversations of who we could consider for the Board. (*see Matrix on next page*)

Names that came up and were decided to send an email asking interest and if so, a meeting/coffee are to: Virginia Sherer of Ringling Art School/Sarasota Art Museum, Chris Voelker of State Street and Matt Walsh, or Emily Walsh of the Observer Group. ED will send email asking interest and if there is interest, she will coordinate with committee to get a coffee or meeting pulled together for one member of committee to meet with candidate to further discuss VSC Board.

Background information for meeting:

Bylaws, Article 4

4.4 Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall be elected with different overlapping terms so that not all Director's terms expire in the same year. This allows for a smooth transition of power. Each Director is elected for a term of two years.

The Board of Directors shall be divided into three classes: Class A, Class B, and Class C. The number of Directors elected to each class shall be as nearly equal in number as possible. Directors shall be assigned to each class in accordance with a resolution or resolutions adopted by the Governance Committee. However, there shall be one Special Class comprised of the appointed County Commissioner who will serve a term of one year.

With the exception of the Director appointed by the Board of Sarasota County Commissioners, no Director shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms. However, Directors shall be eligible for reelection following the completion of one two-year term without service on the Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM

FY 2026 VSC Board of Directors Matrix	
Areas filled by current Board Members	
Resources:	
Peer Network/Group	All
Corporate	JL, TS, WS, MQ
Education/Career Dev	SB
Foundation Link	SB, SC
Time/Commitment	All
Geographic:	
Longboat/St. Armands/Lido	MQ
Venice/Englewood/NP/Osprey	RC, MQ
Siesta Key	HVW
Interstate Corridor/Lakewood	JL, MQ
Sarasota	RR, TS, WS, SB, MQ
Areas of Expertise:	
Finance/Management	TS
Real Estate/Commercial Dev/Bld	JL
Lodging	CM, JS WS
Restaurant	MQ
Sports	KF
Outdoors/Ecotourism	SB
Entertainment/Event/Promotion	RR
Retail/Merchant Assn	
Marketing/Media	
Attractions/Cultural/Arts	RR
Economic Dev/Chambers	
Health Institutions	SC

FY 2026 Classes and Terms			
FY 2026 Board Officers:			
Chair: John LaCivita			
Vice Chair: Tim Self			
Secretary/Treasurer: Wes Santos			
Immediate Past Chair: Richard Russell			
Special Class (appointed in December by BCC)			
Primary: County Commissioner Tom Knight			
Alternate: County Commissioner Mark Smith			
<u>Class A (term expiring September 2027)</u>			
Mike Quillen			
Susie Bowie			
<u>Class B (term expiring September 2028)</u>			
Jason Samson			
Heather Van Wie			
Stacey Corley			
<u>Class C (term expiring September 2029)</u>			
Cindy Moore			
Mark Sherwin			
Kim Farrell			