



VSC Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 1st at 1:30PM via Zoom

Call to order at 1:30PM

In attendance: John LaCivita, Richard Russell, Jason Samson and Erin Duggan/VSC. Excused absence: Mark Sherwin

Updates on VSC Board Recommendations from last Governance meeting- refer to Bylaws, Article 4.3

Meetings were held with the 3 suggestions below with a VSC Governance Committee member attending each one. All meetings went well with both the candidate and governance committee member feeling it was a good fit to join VSC Board.

- a. Trevor Markham, Sr Director, Florida Operations, Baltimore Orioles
- b. Chris Voelker, Proprietor, State Street Eating House
- c. Virginia Shearer, Executive Director, Sarasota Art Museum

With the current VSC bylaws noting the number shall not exceed fifteen (15) and the 3 candidates pushing us to 16, the VSC Board of Directors need to have a majority vote to increase the number to 16.

The Governance Committee discussed the current composition and capacity of the Visit Sarasota County Board of Directors. Following discussion, the Committee approved a motion recommending that the Board of Directors increase the authorized Board capacity from 15 to 16 members, as permitted under the organization's Bylaws.

Action: Richard Russell made the motion with Jason Samson providing the second.

The recommendation will be presented to the full Board of Directors for consideration and approval.



Recommendations/Elections for FY27 Board and Officers:

FY 2027 Board of Directors:

Special Class (appointed each December by BCC)

Primary: County Commissioner Tom Knight

Alternate: County Commissioner Mark Smith

Class A (term expiring September 2027)

Mike Quillen

Susie Bowie

Class B (term expiring September 2028)

Jason Samson

Heather Van Wie

Stacey Corley

Class C (term expiring September 2029)

Kim Farrell

Cindy Moore

Mark Sherwin

New Class: (term expiring September 2030)

Trevor Markham, Sr Director, Florida Operations, Baltimore Orioles

Chris Voelker, Proprietor, State Street Eating House

Virginia Shearer, Executive Director, Sarasota Art Museum

FY 2027 Board Officers:

Chair: John LaCivita

Vice Chair: Tim Self

Secretary/Treasurer: Wes Santos

Immediate Past Chair Richard Russell

Slate above to be proposed to the full VSC Board on September 3, 2026 for a majority vote. Action:
Richard Russell made the motion with Jason Samson providing the second.

Meeting called to order at 1:55PM.



Background information for meeting:

Bylaws, Article 4

4.3 Number and Qualification of Directors. The number of Directors shall not exceed fifteen (15) or such lesser number if there are not sufficient qualified Directors to fill each Director position. A Director must be a Member or a representative of a Member. One Director shall be the County Commissioner appointed by the Board of Sarasota County Commissioners each December and effective each January 1st. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, but at no time shall the Board of Directors consist of less than three (3) people.

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.

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.