

VSC Executive Committee Meeting, August 10, 2021 via Zoom

Attendees: Nick Mavrikis, Steven High, Lorrie Liang, Virginia Haley, Erin Duggan, Kelly Defebo, Caroline Perry

Kelly Defebo walked the Executive Committee through the partnership revision recommendation that had been planned to present to the Board in March 2020 but was postponed because of Covid-19. The Committee recommended a potential option that would keep Manatee County hotels with a larger buy in for being out of county. They also suggested rather than a base plus per room assessment for the lodging, that staff consider a small, medium, large range. Staff will work on those options and include them in the presentation to the full Board.

The Executive Committee reviewed the VSC Board self-assessment. There has been good improvement and the report will be reviewed at the August meeting.

The Committee reviewed the potential change to the VSC position policy and its role in potentially becoming involved in ballot referendums. It was agreed that this policy should be reviewed by the Board at the October meeting.

Lorrie Liang provided an update from Sarasota Memorial on Covid-19 patients, now the highest level since July 2020.

Virginia Haley provided an update on the red tide situation and the County beach cleaning efforts.