

VSC Executive Committee Minutes, April 5, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Nick Mavrikas, Lorrie Liang, Richard Russell, Christine Johnson, Virginia Haley

Virginia Haley provided an update on the County Commission March 30 discussion regarding the High Impact Tourism Tax levy which was very positive. It is set for April 26 hearing before the Commission.

The Finance Committee met earlier in the date and reviewed in detail the FY 2023 County Budget. Both the Scope of Services and budget will be presented to the full Board at the April 14 meeting.

The Committee discussed the recent Sarasota City Commission action regarding the new Performing Arts Hall on the bayfront. Virginia will provide the original Performing Arts feasibility to Richard Russell following the meeting.

Virginia Haley informed the Committee that Sarasota Day in Baltimore on May 19 will be focused on Pat Calhoun's retirement from the County and Pat will throw out the first pitch. Many of his family members will be able to attend. Nick Mavrikas expressed a desire to also attend and was added to the list.

Virginia shared information from her meeting earlier that day with Mike Gamble, the CEO of SearchWide. He will be sending a formal proposal but has offered to come to the Board's October retreat at no cost to walk the Board through the success process, needs assessments etc. The Executive Committee agreed it would be very productive to use the retreat in this way. Other points provided by Mr. Gamble:

- Vital for the Board to build exactly the needs and qualifications they want in a CEO into the needs assessment
- Make the process public and transparent
- If correctly crafted, the needs assessment and qualifications will ensure only highly qualified candidates
- Input for the needs assessment will be gathered from the VSC Board, County staff, Commissioners and VSC staff through in-person interviews
- The Search Committee would ideally be around 7-9 people, diverse and representative of the key segments of the community
- Would establish a timeline that ends with final VSC Board selection at its July meeting