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Brief

PALM BEACH COUNTY
DISTRICT 6 COMMISSIONER

PALM BEACH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOSEPH ABRUZZO



Joseph Abruzzo

Palm Beach County Administrator

Today, the County Commission voted to select Joseph Abruzzo to the position of County Administrator. Joseph is, of course, well known to the citizens of Palm Beach County, and to the entire County staff, having served as our Clerk of the Court, which will make his transition to the role a smooth process.

The Commission engaged in a thorough and transparent process, selecting from more than 200 applicants that applied from across the country. Today, among the finalists, Joseph received the majority of votes on the first round, and a final, unanimous vote, as a show of unity and approval.

I extend my congratulations to Joseph, and will do all I can to work with him and his staff, to continue to improve the ways in which we interact with and serve the County's citizens.

-Sara



We are still in the early weeks of hurricane season, so there is still time to prepare now, to make life a bit less stressful should we face an impending storm. If you missed our hurricane preparedness email, you can find a wealth of local information and resources here:

[Hurricane Preparedness Information](#)

GLADES COMMUNITIES

Upcoming Events in the Glades:

[Wed, June 18, 9-11:30 am, 1-5 pm](#)

The Glades Initiative Food Pantry, Grab & Go open to anyone

[Wed, June 18, 10 am](#)

Coffee & Donuts with Lakeside Medical Center Administrator at PHA, Pahokee

[Wed, June 18, 5:30 pm](#)

BRIDGES at Pahokee Presents: Summer Reading Program, Pahokee

[Thu, June 19](#)

The Glades Initiative Office CLOSED

[FRIDAYS](#)

FREE Family Weekend Meal Kits, Glades Area Libraries

[Fridays, 1 pm](#)

Grab-and-Go Weekend Meals at GCHS and Pahokee Middle School

[Sat, June 21, 10 am](#)

Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) Annual Health & Recruitment Fair, Belle Glade

[Sat, June 21, 10:30 am](#)

Arts in My Backyard with Busch Wildlife Sanctuary at Belle Glade Library

[Mon, June 23, 1 pm](#)

FREE Webinar on Employment Rights & Responsibilities Under Federal Laws

COMMISSION VOTE UPDATES

BCC Briefs for June 10, 2025

At the June 10, 2025, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action:

Administration – directed staff to revise the County’s selection processes for competitive procurement to increase the BCC’s participation by sending the commissioners a list of upcoming Requests for Proposals (RFP) with a brief description prior to advertising, so input can be given, if warranted.
Approved the Performance Review of the County Internal Auditor, David A. J. Zamora, and authorized the Department of Human Resources to file a copy in his employee file.

Community Services – approved Data Transfer and Use Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF) for a period of three (3) years, to share limited client-level information with the consent of clients, for research to evaluate whether a mobile health (mHealth) facilitated mental health intervention will improve anxiety, depression, and viral suppression among people living with HIV.

Engineering & Public Works – approved Palm Beach West Associates 1 LLLP (PBWA) Alignment Alternative 1 for 60th Street North from 200th Trail North to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road (60th Street North) and Alignment Alternative 1 for 190th Street North from 60th Street North to Hamlin Boulevard (190th Street North). No building permits for more than 2,319 dwelling units for Indian Trail Groves shall be issued until 60th Street North is constructed as a 4-lane roadway between 190th Street and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road.
Financial Management & Budget – received and filed a presentation on the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget.

Housing & Economic Development – approved an ordinance establishing an exemption from certain ad valorem taxation to encourage economic development in the county for Finrock South Florida, LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$1.9 million over ten years. The Ad Valorem Tax exemption is for real property and tangible personal property improvements undertaken by Finrock for the facility in Belle Glade.

Public Safety - approved the issuance of a Primary Provider Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for Pilot Program Services for the Town of Jupiter to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS), ALS Transport Services and routinely Transport Basic Life Support (BLS) for the period of October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028. Palm Beach County holds the primary COPCN through September 30, 2026, which is when their Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Jupiter terminates.

Received and filed the 2025 Disaster Preparedness Storm Season Report.

Youth Services – approved an agreement with CareerSource Palm Beach County, Inc. for the period of June 10, 2025 through September 30, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the development and implementation of the

InternPalmBeach.com internship portal, a centralized digital platform designed to connect teens and young adults with internship opportunities across the County.

BCC Briefs for June 3, 2025

At the June 3, 2025, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action:

Administration – approved a resolution condemning the killings of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim in Washington, D.C., denouncing the rising threat of antisemitism and hate, and affirming support for local initiatives promoting interfaith dialogue and community unity.

Approved employment contract for Todd Bonlarron as Interim County Administrator until the BCC appoints the next County Administrator. The contract provides for an annual salary of \$355,000, a pro-rated deferred compensation contribution, auto allowance, and other benefits afforded to County employees.

Postponed Performance Review of Internal Auditor David A. J. Zamora.

Approved the Performance Review for County Attorney Denise Coffman and authorized the Department of Human Resources to file a copy in her employee file.

Directed staff on the recommended process to be used for interviewing the four County Administrator finalists, the development of questions to be used to interview the applicants publicly, the format of the community event to be held on June 16 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, and the methodology to be used by the BCC for the selection.

Postponed Board Direction on an overview of existing procurement processes and recommendations to increase participation.

Received and filed the updated Board Directives Report, which includes in-process and completed board directive items.

Airports – approved the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant agreement in the amount of \$10 million for the Concourse B Expansion – Phase 2 B at Palm Beach International Airport. This grant requires a 20% local match in the amount of \$2.5 million, which is calculated based on the \$12.5 million of allowable Project costs. This grant includes revised language, which complies with the Emergency Ordinance.

County Attorney – approved, by a 6-1 vote, an Emergency Ordinance addressing the President of the United States' Executive Orders opposing "gender identity" and prohibiting federal funds from being used to "promote gender ideology" as well as prohibiting grant recipients from having "illegal DEI programs". This Emergency Ordinance suspends portions of the County's Equal Business Opportunity Ordinance to return to a small business enterprise program with no enforcement or utilization based on sex or race and suspends diversity, equity and inclusion programs.

Adopted, by a 6-0 vote, two resolutions: 1. Removing the words "gender identity or expression" from the County's non-discrimination policy; and 2. eliminating the unstaffed Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

Engineering & Public Works – adopted an Ordinance reimposing the six (6) cent local option fuel tax on every gallon of motor fuel and diesel fuel sold in Palm Beach County.

Approved the 2025 Interlocal Agreement to re-adopt and ratify the existing distribution formula for the six (6) cent local fuel tax with the Town of Highland Beach and the City of Palm Beach Gardens. The use of the proceeds from this tax is restricted to transportation expenditures.

Facilities Development & Operations – approved third amendment to the Lease Agreement with RREEF America REIT II Corp. S (RREEF) for the continued use of warehouse space located in Riviera Beach, at an annual rate of \$991,760, with yearly increases of 4%, extending the term for five years.

Planning Zoning and Building – appointed, by a 6-1 vote, Selena Samios to the Planning Commission.

Resilience – approved on preliminary reading and permission to advertise for public hearing on August 19, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., an Ordinance updating the PBC Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.
For further information on consent and regular items, please visit the Agenda section of [our website](#).

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