

**Pinellas County
Unified Personnel Board
April 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The Unified Personnel Board (UPB) met in a special session at 8:03 AM on this date in the County Commission Assembly Room at the Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Joan Vecchioli, Chair
Ricardo Davis, Vice-Chair
Jeffery Kronschnabl
Peggy O'Shea
Kenneth Peluso
Ralph Reid
William Schulz II

Others Present

Maria Ciro, Human Resources Assistant Director
Jennifer Monroe Moore, Ogletree, Deakins, et. al., P.C., Board Counsel
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Sarah Rathke, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk
Other interested individuals

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vecchioli called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM; whereupon, she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Brennan Atwood, HR Department, appeared and voiced his concerns, referencing a letter, regarding the Board's oversight of the HR Department and related issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation and Appointment of Interim Human Resources Director

Mr. Burton indicated that the Appointing Authorities had met previously and voted to recommend a former Pinellas County HR Director, Peggy Rowe, to be the Interim HR

Director. He explained that she is willing to fill the position on an interim basis only; that as the Board has no authority to establish contracts, the recommendation is that he be delegated to do so; and that various factors, including compensation, travel, and contract length, will be negotiated.

Responding to a query by Chair Vecchioli, Mr. Burton related that all Appointing Authorities will be involved in the process of making recommendations to the Board for a permanent HR Director; and that the County Attorney opted out in order to be able to provide legal advice. Chair Vecchioli and Attorney Moore asked that, in light of potential overlap in days off between the Interim Director and the Assistant HR Director, the Board be notified of the person in charge during those times.

Following brief discussion and clarifications by Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell and Attorney Moore, Mr. Peluso made a motion to accept the Appointing Authorities recommendation and appoint Peggy Rowe as the Interim HR Director, contingent upon Mr. Burton finalizing the compensation package and other hiring issues; whereupon, Chair Vecchioli clarified that the interim basis has no specific date certain and no specific end date. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Shea and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vecchioli adjourned the meeting at 8:20 AM.