

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
SELECTION COMMITTEE
June 23, 2023**

The Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council Selection Committee held a meeting on June 23, 2023, at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 8:30 A.M. with the following members present:

Mayor Woody Brown, Largo
Gayle Guidash, Florida Department of Health - Pinellas
Jorge Mercado, Citizen Representative

Also Present:

Cody Ward, County Attorney's Office
Lynn Abbott, EMS & Fire Administration
Jennifer Peters, EMS & Fire Administration

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This Committee was appointed by the Chair of the EMS Advisory Council to review the pool of candidates and select a nominee to fill two Citizen Representative vacancies representing Commission District 1 and Commission District 2 on the Council.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSON

Jorge Mercado volunteered to be the spokesperson. Approval was unanimous. Mr. Mercado will present the recommended candidate's names to the full Council for their nomination.

DISCUSSION OF SELECTION CRITERIA

Ms. Abbott presented to the Committee a roster of six (6) candidates and their applications/resumes.

The Committee determined that they would rank order two candidates for each position based on the vacancy announcement and the following criteria:

- Must be a Pinellas County resident and preferably reside in the District being applied for.
- Should provide a true citizen perspective to the EMS Advisory Council that will compliment the current professional membership.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN APPLICATIONS

The Committee felt that the recommended applicant should have a true citizen perspective regarding the EMS System. After discussion, the Committee decided to rank order the top two to three candidates to fill each open position. If the number one ranked candidate becomes unavailable, the recommendation would go to the second candidate.

RANK ORDER OF NOMINEES TO FILL CITIZEN VACANCIES

Mayor Brown made a motion to rank Mr. Christopher Markham as number one, Mr. Michael DiBuono as number two, and Mr. James Downes as number three in rank order for the District 1 position. Ms. Guidash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Guidash made a motion to rank Ms. Doreen Caudell as number one and Ms. Heather Vernillo as number two in rank order for the District 2 position. Mayor Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The rank order to be recommended to the full EMS Advisory Council is:

District 1 Citizen Representative: 1) Christopher Markham 2) Michael DiBuono

District 2 Citizen Representative: 1) Doreen Caudell 2) Heather Vernillo

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 A.M

*The minutes of this meeting as well as any correspondence received is on file at the
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.*