

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
SELECTION COMMITTEE
September 19, 2025**

The Pinellas County EMS Advisory Council Selection Committee held a meeting on September 19, 2025, at the EMS & Fire Administration, Conference Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, at 8:30 A.M. with the following members present:

Commissioner Kevin Kenney, Independent Fire District Elected Official - Chair
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics - Secretary
Commissioner Jorge Mercado, Citizen Representative District 7

Also Present:

Patrick Allman, County Attorney's Office
Lynn Abbott, EMS & Fire Administration
Marianne Merola, 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 one Citizen Representative vacancy representing Commission District 2 and rank order candidates for future openings on the Council.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSON

Commissioner Mercado volunteered to be the spokesperson. Approval was unanimous. The recommended candidate's names will be presented to the full Council for their nomination.

DISCUSSION OF SELECTION CRITERIA

Ms. Abbott presented to the Committee a roster of seven (7) candidates and their applications/resumes.

The Committee determined that they would rank order two candidates for the 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 complement the current professional membership.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN APPLICATIONS

The Committee felt that the recommended applicants should have a true citizen perspective regarding the EMS System. After discussion, the Committee decided to rank order the seven candidates to fill the one open position and future openings on the Council. If the number one ranked candidate becomes unavailable, then the recommendation would go to the second candidate. The Rank-Ordered Candidate List will provide for candidates in the event of future Council vacancies.

RANK ORDER OF NOMINEES TO FILL CITIZEN VACANCIES

Commissioner Jorge Mercado moved to rank Anthony Degina as number one, Christopher Hayes as number two, Steven C. LeCroy as number three, Gregory Childers as number four, Commissioner Jacob Knighton as number five, Chad Gobel as number six, and Alisa L. Solomon as number seven for the District 2 position and any future openings on the Council. Mr. Richard Schomp seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The rank order to be recommended to the full EMS Advisory Council for District 2 Citizen Representative vacancy: 1) Anthony Dagina.

The Rank-Ordered Candidate List will provide for candidates in the event of future Council vacancies: 2) Christopher Hayes, 3) Steven C. LeCroy, 4) Gregory Childers, 5) Commissioner Jacob Knighton, 6) Chad Gobel, and 7) Alisa L. Solomon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

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