

May 3, 2026 – May 9, 2026

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Following is a list of current advisory council vacancies. Some positions are “at large,” while others have specific requirements as detailed below. For more information, click on an advisory council name below to visit that council’s webpage. We encourage you to submit an application, even if you are interested in a council that has no current vacancies. We will maintain your application on file for one year and will contact you if an appropriate position becomes available during that time. If interested, please complete the [online application](#), or you can [print an application](#) to submit at your leisure.

Applicants must be Sarasota County residents and, if appointed, must maintain residency throughout their term. Members may not be employed by Sarasota County Government and may not hold elected office (except where specifically required by the council’s governing documents). New members must attend orientation within six months of appointment; must attend at least 65% of scheduled meetings; and must agree to use a County-provided email account for all advisory council correspondence.

Bicycle Pedestrian Trail Advisory Committee (BPTAC)

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Eight (1) FHP Representative, (5) AT Large, (1) School Board Rep, (1) Star Rep.

Purpose: Advise the Sarasota County Commission on bicycle, pedestrian, and trail issues.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Third Tuesday of every other month at 5:30 p.m.

Information: Public Works, Patrick Lui, 941-861-0945

Email: plui@scgov.net

Board of Zoning Appeals

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: One

Purpose: Hear appeals concerning interpretation or administration and for variances under the zoning regulations.

Requirements: Applicant must have been a County resident for at least two years. May not hold elected office nor be employed by any municipality or county government in Sarasota County. Financial disclosure required.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Generally, the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. or at the call of the Chair

Information: Planning & Development Services, Anny Herrera, 941-861-6161

Email: aherrera@scgov.net

Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Five

Purpose: Hear appeals of decisions and interpretations of the Building Official and consider variances from the technical codes, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-053, § 54-519.

Requirements: Must have knowledge and experience in technical codes such as architects, civil engineers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, licensed contractors, and the building industry. Financial disclosure required.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Monthly, only if there is an appeal scheduled

Information: Planning and Development Services, Heather Gleason, 941-861-6637

Email: hgleason@scgov.net

Citizen Tax Oversight Committee

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Two: At-Large

Purpose: Conduct an annual review of expenditures made by the Sarasota County Commission from the proceeds of the Infrastructure Sales Tax and review any changes to the infrastructure projects or to the allocation of sales tax proceeds as set forth in Ordinance No. 97-083, as amended.

Requirements: One member shall be appointed from each district by the commissioner representing that district and four at-large members shall be appointed by majority vote of the Commission.

Term: Four years

Meetings: At the call of the Chairman

Information: Office of Financial Management, Kim Backus, 941-861-5071

Email: kbackus@scgov.net

Citizens Advisory Committee for Public Transportation (CACPT)

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: One social service representative

Purpose: Provide a conduit for citizen input to the Sarasota County Commission, sitting as the Sarasota County Transportation Authority, and make recommendations or provide advice to the Commission and staff regarding the Sarasota County public transportation system.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Four per year, third Thursday of meeting month.

Information: Transit, Denise Lillibridge, 941-861-1003

Email: dillbridge@scgov.net

Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC)

Application Closing Date: Until filled

Vacancies: Two

Purpose: Review, advise, and make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission on matters pertaining to development/implementation of long-term beach erosion control programs; planning/prioritization of capital improvement programs related to coastal issues; coordination with regional/statewide groups; the State of Florida Beach Erosion Control Program; general navigation and coastal management projects; coastal zone management, policies, and construction; and proposals by the public and County staff.

Requirements: A background in coastal engineering, coastal geology, coastal zone management, or similar related field. Must have experience with coastal processes, inlet dynamics, and the Sarasota County Gulf of America shoreline and associated inlets. Familiarity with local, state, and federal government coastal management programs is preferred.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every other month.

Information: Environmental Protection Division, Joseph Kraus, 941-726-4061

Email: jkraus@scgov.net

Community Action Agency Board (CAAB)

Application Closing Date: April 25, 2026

Vacancies: (1) Representative of Major Group / Interest in the Community

Purpose: Advise and make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission on programs and services for low-income households that are under the auspices of county government, and barriers that low-income households face regarding their ability to be either self-sufficient or upwardly mobile.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Second Thursday of February, May, August, and November, 3 p.m., location to be determined; additional meetings as needed

Information: Health & Human Services, Christine Splan, 941-861-2877

Email: csplan@scgov.net

Development Services Advisory Committee

Application Closing Date: May 24, 2026

Vacancies: Four: one licensed general contractor (commercial); one licensed residential contractor; two land developer

Purpose: Provide liaison between the County and the building and construction industry, review and advise the County on industry permit fees and the permitting process.

Requirements: Must have knowledge and experience in the technical codes such as architects, engineers, planners, environmental specialists, licensed contractors, and the building industry.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Third Wednesday, every other month

Information: Planning and Development Services, Heather Gleason, 941-861-6637

Email: hgleason@scgov.net

Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Two: One At Large Representative and One Business/Development Representative

Purpose: Fulfill Sarasota County's Comprehensive Plan mandate to protect natural areas by reviewing environmentally sensitive lands and making land acquisition and protection recommendations.

Term: Three years

Meetings: First Thursday of every even month at 2:30 p.m.

Information: Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, Maria Bocci, 941-861-5515

Email: mbocci@scgov.net

General Contractors Licensing & Examining Board

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Four: one engineer; two residential contractors; one general or building contractor

Purpose: Examine applications and qualifications for general, building, residential, roofing, pool/spa, and specialty contractors doing business in the county, conduct disciplinary hearings, and perform other related functions pursuant to Ordinance No. 2002-079. Recommend to the director various construction industry trades that require a contractor in a particular field to secure a Certificate of Competency by examination and the requirements to pass said examination. Examine all applications and determine applicants' qualifications as to their familiarity with the rules, regulations, and technical codes pertaining to that particular trade. Investigate their character, experience, financial responsibility and fitness prior to examination.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, Sarasota County Operations Center, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota

Information: Planning & Development Services, Jenna Miller, 941-861-5214

Email: jbmillier@scgov.net

Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida

Application Closing Date: May 9, 2026

Vacancies: Three (3): healthcare provider, or non-governmental healthcare consumer

Purpose: Promote the development of efficient, cost-effective quality health services for persons of SW Florida.

Requirements: Applicants shall be representatives of healthcare providers, healthcare purchasers, and non-governmental healthcare consumers.

Term: Two years

Meetings: Regular meetings are held every other month

Information: Health & Human Services, Christine Splan, 941-861-2877

Email: csplan@scgov.net

Historic Preservation Board

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: One

Purpose: Serve as a review and advisory body to the Sarasota County Commission on matters related to historic designations, tax exemptions, and other duties as assigned.

Requirements: As possible, a practicing or retired professional in the field of anthropology; real estate, land development or finance; history, folklore, or architectural history; conservation or curation; architecture or historic architecture; historic preservation; land use planning or historic preservation planning; landscape architecture or historic landscape architecture; general or building contractor; professional engineer.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Information: Historical Resources, Josh Goodman, 941-861-6883

Email: jgoodman@scgov.net

Human Services Advisory Council

Application Closing Date: Open Until Filled / April 20, 2026

Vacancies: Two: (1) One Health services professional, psychiatrist, psychologist, or behavioral health professional, (1) Citizen At Large

Purpose: Provides a conduit for citizen input to the Sarasota County Commission regarding Contracted Human Services.

Term: Staggered

Meetings: First Friday of every other month (subject to change)

Information: Health & Human Services, Christine Splan, 941-861-2877

Email: csplan@scgov.net

Mechanical Contractors Licensing & Examining Board

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Four: one architect; one master electrician; two citizen reps.

Purpose: Examine applications and qualifications concerning electrical, plumbing, mechanical, contractors and specialty contractors doing business in the county, conduct disciplinary hearings and perform other related functions pursuant to Ordinance No. 2002-079. Recommend to the director various construction industry trades that require a contractor in a particular field to secure a Certificate of Competency by examination and the requirements to pass said examination. Examine all applications and determine applicants' qualifications as to their familiarity with the rules, regulations, and technical codes pertaining to that particular trade. Investigate their character, experience, financial responsibility and fitness prior to examination.

Term: Three years

Meetings: First Thursday of each month, Planning & Development Services, Sarasota County Operations Center, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota

Information: Planning & Development Services, Jenna Miller, 941-861-5214

Email: jbmiller@scgov.net

Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (MPOCAC)

Application Closing Date: Open until Filled

Vacancies: Two: One: Representing minorities, One Representing Disabled

Purpose: Serve as a review and advisory board to the Metropolitan Planning Organization in the comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process.

Term: Two years

Meetings: Four times a year, Second Monday of the months in which the MPO meets, 5 p.m., MPO Office, 7632 15th Street East, Sarasota

Information: Public Works, Avalon Lockhart, 941- 861-0516

Email: alockhart@scgov.net

Neighborhood Initiative Grant Advisory Committee

Application Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Vacancies: One District 5 Representative

Purpose: Make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission pertaining to the selection of neighborhood grant applicants.

Requirements: An understanding of budgets and neighborhood issues

Term: Three years

Meetings: Twice per year

Information: Neighborhood Services, Erin Sommerville 941-724-9185

Email: neighbor@scgov.net

Parks Advisory and Recreation Council (PARC)

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Two: One City of North Port Representative, One City of Sarasota Representative

Purpose: Make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission concerning issues related to parks, beaches, recreation, park planning and the acquisition and use of neighborhood parkland.

Term: Three years

Meetings: First Thursday of every odd month at 2:30 p.m.; special meetings may be scheduled as needed

Information: Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, Maria Bocci 941-861-5515

Email: mbocci@scgov.net

Public Facilities Financing Advisory Board (PFFAB)

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Six (3): civic (1) building and construction representatives (2) Financial Professional

Purpose: Advise and make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission on impact fees, other funding sources, the fiscal impacts of levels of service and other issues relating to the provision and financing of public facilities.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Second Wednesday afternoon every other month or on an as-needed basis; special meetings as needed

Information: Planning & Development Services, Sherry Stine, 941-861-0929

Email: [sstine@scgov.net](mailto:ssstine@scgov.net)

Sarasota Tree Advisory Council

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Four (4) with a background in landscape architecture, arboriculture, horticulture, tree management, land development or similar related field is strongly preferred.

Purpose: Advise the Sarasota County Commission on tree, green infrastructure, and urban forestry matters, including strategic plans, design, regulation, and policy.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Information: Environmental Protection Division, Rachael Silliman, 941-861-0827

Email: rsilliman@scgov.net

Water and Sewer Advisory Committee

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancies: Three

Purpose: Assist the Sarasota County Commission in the promulgation of rules, regulations, and policies by providing recommendations on water and sewer planning.

Requirements: Members shall have experience in water and wastewater related accounting, management, engineering, customer service, or shall have served in an official capacity with a homeowner's association or other organization which provides water or wastewater services or routinely participates in regulatory, or policy matters related to water or wastewater. No member shall be employed by any municipality within the county.

Term: Three years

Meetings: Bimonthly at 9 a.m.

Information: Public Utilities, T. Armando Bickum, 941-861-0640

Email: tbickum@scgov.net