

## Advisory Council Vacancies

**June 7, 2026 – June 13, 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.

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jbmillier@scgov.net)

### **Health Facilities Authority & Industrial Development Revenue Bond Citizens Advisory Committee**

**Application Closing Date:** Open until filled

**Vacancies:** one

**Purpose:** Provide recommendations to the Health Facilities Authority and/or Sarasota County Commission with respect to matters concerning the creation, financing, operation, and management of health facilities, or industrial development revenue bond financing requests.

**Term:** Three years

**Meetings:** Meetings are held as needed and when required by a financing request, meeting TBD.

**Information:** Office of Financial Management, Michael Murphy, 941-350-1628

**Email:** [mmurphy@scgov.net](mailto:mmurphy@scgov.net)

### **Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida**

**Application Closing Date:** Open until filled

**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](mailto:csplan@scgov.net)

### **Historical Commission**

**Application Closing Date:** Open until filled

**Vacancies:** One

**Purpose:** Advise the Sarasota County Commission regarding the acceptance of marking historic County sites with county historical markers.

**Term:** Four years

**Meetings:** Second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

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

**Email:** [jgoodman@scgov.net](mailto: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](mailto: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:** [jbmillier@scgov.net](mailto:jbmillier@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rsilliman@scgov.net)

### **Siesta Key Beautification Taskforce**

**Application Closing Date:** June 5, 2026

**Vacancies:** Two At Large Representatives

**Purpose:** To identify opportunities to enhance the appearance and character of Siesta Key and to evaluate specific focus areas.

**Term:** Two years

**Meetings:** Monthly or as needed

**Information:** County Administration, Eileen Dutka, 941-861-5344

**Email:** [edutka@scgov.net](mailto:edutka@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](mailto:tbickum@scgov.net)