Sarasota County

Advisory Council Vacancies

September 13, 2026 – September 19, 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 vacancies: (6) At Large, (1) School Board Rep, (1) Star Rep.
Purpose: Advise the Sarasota County Commission on bicycle, pedestrian, and trail issues, review plans, develop ideas, and made recommendations to improve bicycle, pedestrian and trail access and safety.
Term: Three years
Meetings: Third Tuesday of every other month at 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.
Information: Transportation, Patrick Lui, 941-861-0945
Email: plui@scgov.net
NOTE: To apply, please access the application at https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-councils/apply-online

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

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: jbmiller@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**

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**

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**

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Advisory Board (KSCBAB)

Application Closing Date: Open until filled
Vacancies: 2 General
Purpose: Work with the KSCB Program Coordinator to organize, review and implement countywide education and litter control programs, and advise and make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission regarding such programs.
Term: Three years
Meetings: Second Wednesday of January, February, March, April, August, and October
Information: Solid Waste, Tucker Hutto or Deb Cooney, 941-861-1587
Email: **keepsarasotacountybeautiful@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: Four: One Representing minorities, One Representing Disabled, and Two At-Large Representatives
Purpose: Serve as a review and advisory board to the Metropolitan Planning Organization in the comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process.
Requirements: Two citizens must reside in unincorporated Sarasota County.
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: Transportation, Kim O'Dell, 941- 861-0925
Email: Kodell@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: One: Parks and/or Recreation 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

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