



July 9, 2025

The Honorable Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor
City of Madeira Beach
300 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708

RE: Forward Pinellas Board Appointment

Dear Mayor Brooks:

As you are likely aware, the seat on the Forward Pinellas Board representing the beach communities has become vacant due to the resignation of Mayor David Will of Redington Beach. A new appointment will need to be made to fulfill the remainder of the term which ends on December 31, 2026, but allows for reappointment. Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks from the City of Madeira Beach has volunteered to fill the vacancy. That said, the governing documents for the Forward Pinellas Board require that we follow the same procedure to fill a vacancy as was used to make the original appointment.

Therefore, as one of the 10 barrier island communities that share a representative on the board, your local government is being asked to participate in the member appointment process developed by the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) to fill this vacancy as follows:

- Step 1: Each BIG-C municipality (excluding Clearwater) shall take formal action to either nominate one of its own elected officials or support the nomination of an elected official from another community. The name of that individual should then be transmitted to the BIG-C via Adriana Nieves, the Town Clerk for Redington Beach at 105 164th Ave, Redington Beach, FL 33708-1519, by August 15th for inclusion in the August BIG-C meeting agenda packet;
- Step 2: After nominations are received, at its August 27th meeting, the BIG-C, by majority vote, shall recommend an appointment;

- Step 3: The municipal government board on which the recommended elected official serves shall confirm the appointment; and
- Step 4: The municipal government board on which the recommended elected official serves shall transmit the name of the appointee to Forward Pinellas.

Meeting the deadline for submitting nominations will be important to ensure the beach communities are represented on the Forward Pinellas Board again as soon as possible.

Please contact me, or Tina Jablon at 727-464-5307, if more information or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Whit Blanton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director

cc: Mayor David Will, President, BIG-C
Clara VanBlargan, Clerk, City of Madeira Beach