

# ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

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## **Prior Board Motion**

- September 28, 2021
  - Board directed staff to create youth representative positions on County Advisory Boards

## **Options**

- One (1) representative on Advisory Board/Committee
- Youth Commission to advise the Board of County Commissioners
- Youth Academy (similar to Citizen's Academy)

## Option 1: Advisory Board/Committee

- Representative will hold seat on Advisory Board/Committee
- Pros
  - Gain youth perspective
  - Give a voice to the youth
  - Grows future leaders
- Cons
  - Transportation
  - Time of day meetings occur
  - Sunshine Laws
  - Attendance requirements
  - Limited participation/opportunities
  - Resolutions to amend

## Option 1: Advisory Board/Committee

#### **Decision Points**

- Which boards would participate?
- Selection process

## **Option 2: Youth Commission**

A small group that advises the Board of County Commissioners

#### Pros

- Gain youth perspective
- Give a voice to the youth
- Grows future leaders

#### Cons

- Transportation
- Sunshine Laws
- Limited participation/opportunities
- Attendance requirements

# **Option 2: Youth Commission**

### **Decision Points**

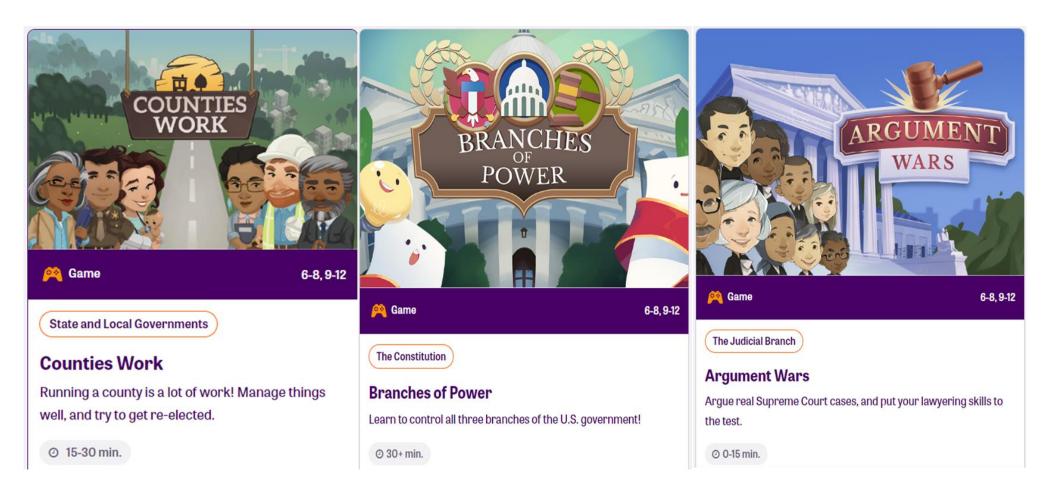
- Size of the board
- Selection process
- Length of terms
- Scope/Mission

- Formatted after Citizen's Academy
- Weekly/biweekly/monthly meetings focusing on different topics
  - Could run multiple throughout the year depending on frequency of meetings
- Pros
  - No Sunshine Laws
  - More opportunity for participation (40-60 participants)
  - Less stringent attendance requirement
- Cons
  - Transportation

## **Meeting Themes & Ideas**

- Budget & Beverages
- Pizza & Politics
- Cupcakes & Conversations
- NACo iCivics Education
  - Argue Supreme Court cases, Control the three branches of Government, Run your own county, Creating a Balanced Budget

#### iCivics Education Website



#### **Decision Points**

- Format and Times per year
  - Lunch 'n Learn themed meetings
    - 4-6 times annually
  - Citizen's Academy Style
    - Once annually
  - iCivics Program

## Recommendations

- Place a student representative on the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (ROSCO) under the same general board advisory rules and amend resolutions as necessary.
- Develop a Youth Academy based on the Citizen's Academy to run concurrent with the school year.
- Return to Board in one year with an update.

Discussion/Questions?