



Agenda Item Summary

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Amendment to Resolution 19-84 Extending EPAC Sunset Date and Changing the Number of Members

Presenter:

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Description:

The Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) is a special committee that has been an effective vehicle for citizen engagement in Alachua County since 1984. The sunset date is currently scheduled for December 31st, 2025, in accordance with resolution 19-84. The membership is currently 11 voting members with 1 alternate in accordance with Resolution 09-80. The revised resolution seeks to extend the sunset date to December 31st, 2030 and change the membership to 9 voting members and 1 alternate.

Recommended Action:

Approve amended resolution thereby extending the sunset date for EPAC and changing the number of voting members.

Prior Board Motions:

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) first established EPAC by Resolution 84-7; increased the membership of EPAC by Resolutions 87-14 and 90-84; revised the attendance policy by Resolution 01-62; renamed the Advisory Committee by Resolution 02-81; re-established, changed the membership, and added a sunset date by Resolution 09-80; amended the sunset date by Resolution 11-23 and Resolution 17-07.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal impacts anticipated

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

EPAC engages residents of Alachua County in environmental matters including waste management, natural resource management, protection of environmentally sensitive lands and watersheds, and public education. EPAC makes recommendations directly to the BOCC. EPAC was first established in 1984 and is currently active. Resolution 09-80 established a membership consisting of 11 voting members and 1 alternate. Resolution 19-84 extended the sunset date to December 31st, 2025.

Extension of that sunset date is requested in order to continue fostering community involvement and awareness of local government environmental initiatives. In addition, a decrease in membership from 11 to 9 voting members with 1 alternate, will foster greater efficiency in decision-making and encourage stronger participation and engagement.