



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Appointments to the Alachua County Historical Commission**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Review of applications for citizens to serve on the Alachua County Historical Commission

**Recommended Action:**

Appoint qualified applicants to vacant Citizen at Large positions

**Prior Board Motions:**

Prior Resolutions pertaining to the Historical Commission responsibilities and composition.

**Fiscal Note:**

NA

**Strategic Guide:**

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

**Background:**

The County Historical Commission, created by Ordinance, is an advisory board to Board of County Commission (BoCC) regarding matters of history and historic preservation. The mission is "To promote, preserve and protect Alachua County's Historic resources. County resolutions provide that there be eleven (11) regular Citizen at Large members and one (1) alternate member. There are currently five (5) vacancies, three (3) from expiring terms, and two (2) from resignations. One vacancy is the alternate position (term ending April 30, 2026), two are Citizen at Large positions ending April 30, 2026; one Citizen at Large until April 30, 2025; and one Citizen at Large until April 30, 2024.

As usual a press release was provided regarding this application process and staff has also reached out to some previous applicants to determine any interest. Although there are not many applications received, the staff recommendation is to complete the appointment of these qualified applicants at this time, two of whom will be returning for a second appointment. Knowledge of local history is a key criterion, and all meet this requirement.

The Advisory Board goes back to at least 1972, but most recently its modified operation was created by Resolutions 09-062 in 2009 and 11-14 in April 2011. Currently the sunset date is December 31, 2025, as adopted by Resolution 22-110 in September 2022