

RESOLUTION NO. 17-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REAUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OPERATES AND FUNCTIONS AS A FOCUS GROUP.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 1995, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the Board) approved the establishment of a Tallahassee-Leon County area science advisory committee, known as the Science Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated purpose of the Science Advisory Committee was to:

1. Review and synthesize scientific findings and conclusions of County sponsored and other published research and determine adequacy and soundness of methods and results from the research;
2. Prepare statements of consensus on conclusions, findings, and implications, as appropriate, from this review as to the ecological condition of lakes, groundwater, and environmental resources and on the impact of urbanization on natural features;
3. Recommend direction for future research by County agencies and through the water quality monitoring program; and
4. Suggest policy changes, management strategies and needed programs to better address current environmental problems related to the water quality monitoring program.

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 1995, the Board approved the initial appointment of the members of the Science Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 1995, the Board approved the bylaws of the Science

Advisory Committee, which dictated the Committee composition and allowed for the addition of two (2) members to be appointed by the City of Tallahassee City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws of the Science Advisory Committee were amended in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution shall supersede the bylaws of the Science Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public involvement and input in County government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to reauthorize the Science Advisory Committee as it currently functions and operates and clarify that it shall function as a Focus Group in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Advisory Committees."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY**, that:

1. The Board hereby reauthorizes the Science Advisory Committee, an advisory committee, for the purpose of providing scientific research and feedback to staff on issues impacting the County.

2. The Science Advisory Committee shall function and operate as a Focus Group in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Advisory Committees."

3. The Science Advisory Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of providing collective input to staff on the following:

- a. scientific findings and conclusions of County sponsored and other published research to determine adequacy and soundness of methods and results from the research;
- b. the ecological condition of lakes, groundwater, and environmental resources and on the impact of urbanization on natural features;

- c. direction for future research by County agencies and through the water quality monitoring program;
  - d. recommended policy changes, management strategies and needed programs to better enhance the water quality in our community; and
  - e. various other topics of a scientific nature at the direction of staff.
4. The Science Advisory Committee shall have nine (9) members: seven (7) members to be appointed individually by each Leon County Commissioner; and two (2) members appointed by the City Commission.
5. The members of the Science Advisory Committee shall be scientists or individuals who can comprehend qualitative or quantitative information on matters being discussed by the Committee, with a preference towards credentialed scientists.
6. The current membership of the Science Advisory Committee shall remain the same and said members shall not be required to be reappointed. The current membership shall serve an initial staggered term as described below, and may be reappointed up to three consecutive terms, not including the initial staggered term, regardless of terms previously served.
7. The terms of the members of the Science Advisory Committee shall be for four (4) years with staggered initial terms, beginning on October 1. Initial terms shall be staggered as follows:
- a. The City of Tallahassee shall appoint members with initial terms of four (4) years;
  - b. Districts 5 and 2 shall appoint members with initial terms of three (3) years;
  - c. Districts 1, At-Large 1, and At-Large 2 shall appoint members with initial terms of two (2) years; and
  - d. Districts 3 and 4 shall appoint members with initial terms of one (1) year.
8. After the initial term, all terms will be for four (4) years beginning on October 1,

with no member serving more than three full consecutive four year terms.

9. The members of the Science Advisory Committee shall not be subject to full and public disclosure of financial interests.

10. The bylaws of the Science Advisory Committee adopted February 8, 2000 are repealed and superseded by this Resolution and Rules of Procedure, in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Advisory Committees."

11. The Science Advisory Committee shall be assisted by staff from the Department of Development Support and Environmental Management.

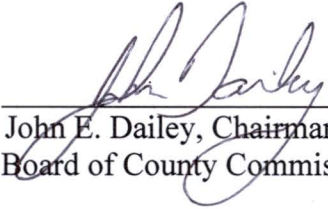
12. The Science Advisory Committee shall be dissolved only upon direction of the Board.

13. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

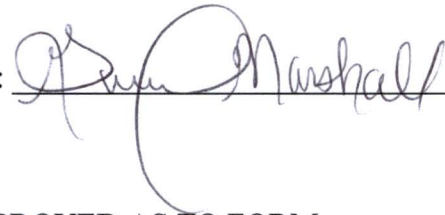
**DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon  
County, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.




LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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John E. Dailey, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Leon County, Florida

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