

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE PASCO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

RULE ONE

COMPOSITION, QUORUM, VOTING

1.1 – Effective November 9th 2022, the Pasco Legislative Delegation shall be comprised of the following Senate and House districts: Senate 11, 21, and 23 and House 53, 54, 55, and 56. Said membership shall be adjusted at the first organizational meeting of the Delegation immediately following reapportionment of the Legislature or as may otherwise be required.

1.2 - A quorum of the Delegation shall consist of not less than five (5) ~~four (4)~~ members of the Delegation and no official business may be conducted by the Delegation without such quorum.

RULE TWO

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

2.1 - A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected at start of the delegation meeting for the next year and their terms will commence at the adjournment of said delegation meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair shall continue in office for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are appointed at the next delegation meeting. During the time that a House member serves as Chair, a Senator shall serve as Vice Chair; and, during the time that a Senator serves as Chair, a House member shall serve as Vice Chair. The Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship shall thus alternate between a member of the House and a member of the Senate.

In the even-year of a redistricting term, the election of the Chair or the Vice-Chair shall be delayed until the delegation meeting following the even-year election, and shall be the first order of business at that meeting.

2.2 - A majority of the Delegation members shall select the designee for Chair and Vice Chair.

2.3 - When the Chair is absent from any meeting, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. In case of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Chair shall designate who shall perform the duties of the Chair.

2.4 - The Chair shall, with the advice of the members, call any meeting deemed necessary, and designate the date, time, and place of said meeting.

RULE THREE

VOTING

3.1 - The voting requirements on all matters, except the introduction of local bills of the Pasco County Legislative Delegation, shall be a majority vote as defined herein.

3.2 - The Chair shall declare all votes, but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the Chair shall take a poll of the Delegation by oral roll call in alphabetical order, except that the Chair's name shall be called last, all of which shall be recorded and made a part of the public records of the Delegation.

3.3 - Matters upon reconsideration must be considered no later than the next meeting. If a matter for reconsideration is not taken up by the next meeting, it shall be considered abandoned. A motion to reconsider may be made by a member who was on the prevailing side, and a matter may be reconsidered one (1) time.

3.4 - A waiver or amendment of these rules may be obtained by majority consent of the members of the Senate and House present.

3.5- Any motion that draws a tie vote shall be deemed to have failed.

RULE FOUR

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

4.1 - The Delegation shall hold an organizational meeting as soon as is practicable following each general election or at the call of the Chair in years during which there is no general election to consider the following matters:

- (a.) Election of Chair and Vice Chair:
- (b.) Rule amendments; and
- (c.) Other matters deemed appropriate.

4.2- The first Delegation Meeting after the general election may also be constituted as the organizational session.

RULE FIVE

MEETINGS OF THE DELEGATION

5.1 - All requests for meetings with the Delegation, except those of a strictly social nature where public issues will not be formally discussed, shall be made by the deadline set for such requests. All such

meetings shall be set at the time designated for public hearings, provided that the Delegation may meet at other times and placed upon request to view public facilities, both existing and proposed, and to attend dedication ceremonies and like events. It is the policy of the Delegation, sitting as a Delegation, to hear all matters affecting the public at public hearings upon due notice to the public.

5.2- Members must be notified of the annual delegation meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual delegation meeting taking place.

RULE SIX

LOCAL BILLS

6.1 - No local bill shall be filed by any member of the Delegation which has not been afforded a public hearing in Pasco County, Florida. For the purpose of this rule, the annual Delegation Meeting shall constitute a public meeting.

6.2 - A proposed local bill must be submitted to the Delegation for its official consideration only if at least one member of the Delegation has agreed to sponsor said bill.

6.3 – Only a local bill that meets with approval by a majority of the Delegation may be filed.

6.4- All proposed local bills must be presented to the delegation at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which the local bill shall be considered.

RULE SEVEN

GENERAL

7.1 - To the extent not in direct conflict with these Rules, the Rules of the Florida House of Representatives shall apply to the extent applicable to the proceedings of the Delegation.