

**AGENDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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April 16, 2013

1:30 p.m.

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
THINK TANK, THIRD FLOOR
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

Carolyn J. Mason, Chair, District 1
Charles D. Hines, Vice Chair, District 5
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2
Christine Robinson, District 3
Nora Patterson, District 4

Larry Bustle, Chair, District 1
Michael Gallen, First Vice Chair, District 2
Betsy Benac, Second Vice Chair, At Large
John R. Chappie, Third Vice Chair, District 3
Robin DiSabatino, District 4
Vanessa Baugh, District 5
Carol Whitmore, At Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Patterson

**JOINT MEETING
WITH THE MANATEE COUNTY COMMISSION**

1. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** - (Three-minute time limit per person, up to 15 minutes.)
2. **JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. 2017 World Rowing Championships Bid: Introduction of FISA (International Federation of Rowing Associations) Officials;
 - B. Discussion on potential joint Transit System opportunities;
 - C. Discussion on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Programs;
 - D. Discussion on Public Safety Communications;
 - E. Discussion on University Parkway future needs;
 - F. Update on the Federal RESTORE (Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies) Act of 2012 and potential funding opportunities for the Region.
3. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** - (Three-minute time limit per person, up to 30 minutes.)
4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NOTE:

Sarasota County prohibits discrimination in all services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, marital status, familial status, religion, or genetic information. Persons with disabilities who require assistance or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.), or who wish to file a complaint, should contact: Sarasota County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Civil Rights Coordinator, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34236, Phone: 941-861-5000, Teletype (TTY): 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771. Email: adacoordinator@scgov.net. Persons needing assistance are asked to provide notice as soon as practicable in advance of the event to allow time to accommodate the request.



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Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Guidelines

Welcome to today's Sarasota Board of County Commissioners meeting. Thank you for your interest and participation.

HEARING ENHANCEMENT DEVICES

For your convenience, hearing enhancement devices are available upon request at the recording secretary's station located in the front of the chamber.

PREPARING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

"Open to the Public" and public hearings are part of a communications/outreach initiative designed to increase the level of communication between elected officials, county staff, and citizens.

During this public discussion period, citizens are encouraged to raise any issue regarding the subject being considered by the board. If you wish to address the commission during "Open to the Public" or public hearing, please complete a "Request to Speak" card found on the table in the back of the commission chamber.

On the card, write down the item number from the agenda that you wish to speak about and give the card to the recording secretary, who is located in front of the dais.

ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION

- When called upon, proceed to the podium;
- Speak only when recognized by the chairperson and address all comments to the chairperson;
- State your name clearly for the record;
- Provide any written material to the Sheriff's deputy and the recording secretary. This will insure that each commissioner has a copy of your testimony and that a record of it will be preserved.

TIME LIMITS

The following time limits are in effect to allow everyone a chance to speak:

- Open to the Public: three minutes per speaker per meeting (*Amended 4/11/01*)
- Public Hearing: 20 minutes per petitioner presentation
five minutes per citizen comments
five minutes for petitioner rebuttal

SWORN TESTIMONY

Those testifying during a quasi-judicial public hearing (such as a special exceptions and rate hearings) will be required to complete and sign the oath that appears on the "Request to Speak" card. You are not required to sign the oath if you are speaking at "Open to Public" or at a board workshop.

All proceedings before the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners shall be governed by the Sarasota County Civility Code, pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-145 adopted on June 12, 2001. See back for a complete copy.

SARASOTA COUNTY CIVILITY CODE

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-145 adopted on June 12, 2001, the following Civility Code shall govern all proceedings before the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners:

- 1. All electronic devices, including cell phones and pagers, shall be either turned off or otherwise silenced.**
- 2. Prolonged conversations shall be conducted outside commission chamber.**
- 3. Clapping, whistling, heckling, gesturing, loud conversations, or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.**
- 4. Only those individuals who have submitted speaker cards and who have been recognized by the chairman may address comments to the board.**
- 5. Comments at public hearings shall be limited to the subject being considered by the board.**
- 6. Comments at Open to the Public shall be directed to county issues.**
- 7. All public comments shall avoid personal attacks, abusive language, and redundancy.**
- 8. No person attending a board meeting is to harass, annoy or otherwise disturb any other person in the room.**

Any member of the public whose behavior is disruptive and violates the Sarasota County Civility Code is subject to removal from the board meeting by the bailiff and such other action as may be appropriate.