



# Agenda Report

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Viera, FL 32940

## Citizen Recommendations

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**Subject:**

Lori Alvord - CEER #2025034

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Dept/Office:**

N/A

**Requested Action:**

N/A

**Summary Explanation and Background:**

Lori Alvord submitted CEER #2025034. Recommendation is attached.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

N/A

## Horst, Rachel

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**From:** CEER@brevardfl.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 4:21 PM  
**To:** Horst, Rachel  
**Subject:** A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025034

### Recommendation # 2025034

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025034 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

#### Contact Information:

##### Group/Organization

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#### Recommendation Information:

<b>Recommendation ID</b>	2025034
<b>Recommendation Title</b>	Reconsideration of County Staff Support to Municipal Advisory Boards
<b>Areas Affected</b>	Non-mandatory Municipal Boards
<b>Department Affected</b>	LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
<b>Current problem</b>	<p>In May 2022, the Brevard County Board of Commissioners passed a measure that ended Brevard County staff interaction with non-mandatory, advisory boards. This measure ended the long-standing participation of Satellite Beach Public Library staff in the bi-monthly meetings of the Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board. (This injunction applies to all library branches and their interaction with city advisory boards. The County Attorney also decided it applied to county advisory boards--i.e., staff from libraries falling under the Brevard South-Central Library Advisory Board cannot interact with the board or its members.) An advisory board that cannot interact with the entity it has been appointed to support fails to advance our civic society and democracy. The County Commissioners undertook a review of non-mandatory, advisory boards as many had been dormant during the COVID pandemic. The Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board has, however, been meeting regularly since its establishment under the Satellite Beach City Code, Chapter 10, as amended by Ordinance 908, and as approved by the Satellite Beach City Council on June 15, 2005. Until the change, the board served as a sounding board for Satellite Beach Public Library staff and offered new ideas for programing based on our interaction with</p>

and outreach to our community. The review also sought to reduce costs. The Satellite Beach Library Advisory Board is a completely voluntary board that receives no public funding. It also require very little time of Satellite Beach Public Library staff—approximately 6-12 hours of time of the Library Director per annum. The board meets every other month in the library community room and during regular library hours—requiring no commuting nor overtime on the part of library staff. Time covers preparation for the meeting, participation in the meeting, and limited follow-up.

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation: Repeal the injunction preventing county staff from participating in non-mandatory municipal boards in their official capacities. Reasonable limits to costs and staff time could apply, such as no more than two hours for every scheduled hour of meeting. As a member of the Satellite Beach Library Advisory board since December 2021, I believe our board has previously added value to our library, city, and county at the very minimal cost of a few hours' time from Brevard County library staff. This time would also seem to be part of the normal community outreach and communication duties of the Library Director. The current situation has had a negative impact on the Satellite Beach Public Library's connection to the public without commensurate savings. The Satellite Beach Public Library is funded by the taxpayers of Brevard County, which include all members of our advisory board. Municipal boards allow the citizens of smaller communities—such as Satellite Beach and Indian Harbour Beach, whom we also represent—to provide feedback from the public, input into programming, and share information back to our community.

#### **Attachments**

No Documents were attached.

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