



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.2.

1/14/2025

Subject:

Presentation regarding Speak Up Brevard Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness (CEER) program for the Board of County Commissioners to receive and consider citizen recommendations.

Fiscal Impact:

Dept/Office:

District 1 Commission

Requested Action:

Presentation by Don Walker, Public Information Officer, providing an overview of the Speak Up Brevard 2025 annual program to receive citizen suggestions for the consideration of the Board of County Commissioners.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On November 2, 2010 Brevard voters approved a referendum initiated through the Charter Review Commission for citizens to make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of Commissioners. The referendum requires the Board of County Commissioners to develop procedures that will provide a mechanism for an individual, or an organized group of individuals requires a process and mechanism for citizens to submit a formal written recommendation for the enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of County government to the County Commission on an annual basis.

The initial BCC-95 board policy was approved on May 24, 2011, with revisions approved on April 23, 2024.

For the current cycle the CEER program website opened on January 1st, 2025 to receive citizen suggestions on the county's Speak Up Brevard website. The annual filing deadline per BCC-95 is January 31st. Citizen recommendations received by this date will be included in the 2025 CEER cycle for the board's consideration.

Citizen suggestions presented during the 2025 CEER cycle will receive staff consideration and a board vote within 120 days of the annual January 31st filing deadline. Citizens who wish to present their recommendations are encouraged to submit their ideas through the Speak Up Brevard website. The website address for residents to submit recommendations is at <https://sites.brevardfl.gov/SpeakUpBrevard/>

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Katie Delaney, District 1

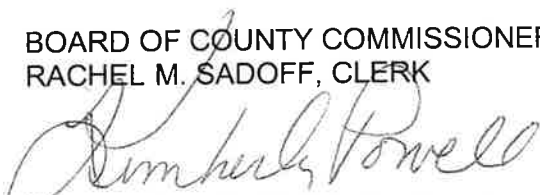
RE: Item E.2., Presentation regarding Speak Up Brevard Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness (CEER) Program for the Board of County Commissioners to Receive and Consider Citizen Recommendations

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 14, 2025, acknowledged a presentation by Don Walker, SCGTV/Communications Director, providing an overview of the Speak Up Brevard 2025 annual program to receive citizen suggestions for the consideration of the Board.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK



Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/sj

Speak Up Brevard



History



- Speak Up Brevard is known in the County Charter as the Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER)
- A proposal for a version of Speak Up Brevard came from the 2010 Brevard County Charter Review Commission and was adopted in November 2010
- This program invites residents to submit ideas and recommendations aimed at improving County efficiency and effectiveness.

History of Board Actions

2011-2023



Outcome	Count
Approved	21
Approved with revisions	53
Duplicate	2
Rejected	99
Rejected (Lack of Authority)	1
Total	176

Examples of 2024-Approved

Recommendations:

- Include Pickleball opportunities on the County’s website
- Adjusting the operating hours of the Port St. John Public Library

2024 Updates



Recommendations adopted by the Board of Commissioners in April 2024:

- Language reconciliation
- Change recommendation submission month from December to January
- Change evaluation deadline from 45 to 90 days
- Add administrative rejection recommendation option that provides County Manager option to recommend rejection for any CEER:

- Not under County jurisdiction
- That does not promote the efficiency and effectiveness of County government, such as personal service requests.

These recommendations will still be reviewed by the Board.

Speak Up Brevard Process



- **Submission Deadline**

- All recommendations for the current cycle must be submitted by **Jan. 31, 2025**.

- **Evaluation Period**

- The County Manager's Office and County Staff review submissions and provide comments to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners within 120 of the filing date as required by the Charter.

Commission Review



- Citizen recommendations, with staff evaluations, are presented to the Board of County Commissioners with the following voting options:
 - Approve
 - Reject
 - Accept with revisions

Recommendations to the Commission



- **Notification**

- Submitters will receive at least one week's notice prior to their recommendation being reviewed by the Board. Submitters may present at the meeting under this agenda item.

- **Transparency**

- A public listing of all past recommendations and their outcomes, as well as current recommendations, are available on the County's Speak Up Brevard website <https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/>

Other Ways to Provide Feedback



- Visit the e-Government tab on www.BrevardFL.gov to share input on the County budget, transit services, Parks and Preserves, Public Safety, the Sheriff's Office, and more.
- Public Comments at Commission meetings.
- Contact your District Commission office to discuss specific issues or propose potential agenda items. Individual commissioners can sponsor agenda items they support and feel merit Board consideration.