



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
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Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

J.3.

4/7/2026

Subject:

Speak Up Brevard - 2026 Program Update and Public Participation Process

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

District 1

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners receive an update on the Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendations (CEERs) as part of the 2026 Speak Up Brevard cycle.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Susan B. Connolly Speak Up Brevard program provides residents with the opportunity to submit Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendations (CEERs) for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. For the 2026 cycle, the County received 61 recommendations from 44 submitters.

On March 17, a dedicated agenda item was scheduled to allow CEER submitters to present their recommendations directly to the Board. Following Board discussion, the Board declined to hear speakers under the agenda item, and submitters were instead directed to address the commissioners under Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Speaker presentations are intended to give Commissioners an advance preview of submitted recommendations and to hear directly from the submitters while County staff complete their review and finalize their written recommendations.

For the April 7 meeting, CEER participants are encouraged to submit a speaker card to address the commissioners for up to 3 minutes under Non-Agenda Public Comment, which is offered at both the beginning and end of the meeting.

Following completion of staff analysis, a separate agenda item will be scheduled in May 2026 for Board discussion and potential action on the 2026 CEER submissions, consistent with the requirement that the Board consider and vote on submissions within 120 days of the close of the CEER cycle on January 31. At the May meeting the board has determined that speakers may speak on their submissions for up to 5 minutes, and that oral presentations will be heard at a time certain during the May meeting.

More information about the program is available at:

[<https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/>](https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/)

Searchable submissions from current and past cycles:

[<https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/Search>](https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/Search)

Related agenda items:

February 10, 2026:

[<https://brevardfl.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7867209&GUID=0D42A919-6813-43D5-B49B-9C218974CC19&Options=&Search=&FullText=1>](https://brevardfl.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7867209&GUID=0D42A919-6813-43D5-B49B-9C218974CC19&Options=&Search=&FullText=1)

March 17, 2026:

[<https://brevardfl.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7945852&GUID=AE3477EC-CF40-4F9F-AC9D-FAD5F47A721D&Options=&Search=>](https://brevardfl.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7945852&GUID=AE3477EC-CF40-4F9F-AC9D-FAD5F47A721D&Options=&Search=>)

District 1 CEER Highlights (Feb. 14):

[<https://substack.com/home/post/p-186665101>](https://substack.com/home/post/p-186665101)

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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April 8, 2026

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Katie Delaney, District 1

RE: Item J.3., Speak Up Brevard – 2026 Program Update and Public Participation Process

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 7, 2026, received an update on the Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendations (CEERs), as part of the 2026 Speak Up Brevard cycle.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/ds

cc: County Manager
Each Commissioner

Speak Up Brevard: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Speak Up Brevard?

Speak Up Brevard is an annual charter process that allows residents to submit recommendations to Brevard county government. Created through a charter amendment, this program gives residents a direct way to share ideas that could help the county add efficiency and effectiveness to their current operations.

Here is a link to the 2.9.10 charter requirement:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCharter/Articles1-2>

When can I submit my ideas?

The next submission window opens January 1, 2026 and closes January 31, 2026. The online form opens on January 1st. It is recommended to compile your ideas now and submit them when the portal opens on January 1st, 2026. Attachments can be added only at the time the submission is placed.

How do I submit a recommendation?

Visit the Speak Up Brevard website at <https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/> when the form is available (starting January 1, 2026). You can submit your recommendation through the web-based application.

Can I review past submissions?

Yes. View past submissions using the search window available here:

<https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/Search>

Can I change/edit my ideas once they are submitted?

The county currently does not have a mechanism to allow changes to be made after the submission period. Staff reviews the submissions “as-submitted” once the submission window closes.

What kinds of ideas can I submit?

You can suggest recommendations that would help Brevard County government increase effectiveness and efficiency.

These may include ways to:

- Conserve energy
- Save costs
- Eliminate duplication
- Generate revenue
- Increase productivity
- Prevent waste

What is Speak Up Brevard not?

Speak Up Brevard is not a mechanism to submit citizen service claims that can be relayed to the county through other means (ex. Public Works service request, Missed trash pick-up). Citizen requests deemed to be service requests will be categorized as “Recommend to Reject” by the County Manager’s office.

What happens after I submit my recommendation?

Here's the timeline:

1. You submit your recommendation through the Speak Up Brevard portal between January 1st – 31st;
2. County Manager manages the staff review process (by April 30th): The County Manager's Office evaluates and comments on your recommendation, which is then submitted to the commissioners for their consideration;
3. Submitters are notified at least one week before your recommendation is heard and voted on by the Board;
4. Board of County Commissioners review the citizen submissions between April 30th and the second May meeting (Date TBD): The Board votes to approve, reject, or to accept your recommendation with revisions.

Can I provide my proposal directly to the Commissioners via a live presentation?

Yes! You can provide your recommendation through the following means:

1. Attend and present at the Speak Up Brevard Board of Commissioners meeting where the vote occurs
2. Attend and present at any County Commission meeting under non-agenda public comments
3. Attend and present at a County Commission Workshop. Note that while a workshop was offered in March 2025, the BOCC has not yet weighed in on a special Speak Up Brevard workshop for 2026. Citizen suggestion: Contact your commissioner to request this

special workshop in 2026!

How can I see what recommendations have been submitted in previous cycles?

You can search all recommendations submitted this year and in previous years. [Click here to search recommendations.](#)

Where can I find county staff analysis and recommendations from prior cycles?

The County Manager's Office provides detailed staff analysis and recommendations. [Click here to view the 2025 staff analysis and recommendations.](#)

What if my recommendation is similar to other residents recommendations?

It can be helpful for county staff review if residents that share a similar recommendation present their recommendation as a group, and with an appropriate amount of detail included. Organizations may also present their ideas, and which citizens can support these organizations ideas by letting their commissioners know and attending the relevant meetings where Speak Up Brevard is discussed.

Can I reach out to my Commissioner outside of the submission window?

Absolutely! Commissioner Katie Delaney encourages residents to share suggestions and ideas throughout the year with herself and the other commissioners. The formal Speak Up Brevard process is just one way to engage with the commissioner's—you can always contact your commissioner's office directly to discuss your ideas and/or bring your ideas to one of the bi-monthly meetings and speak under non-agenda public comments.

Questions?

Contact Commissioner Katie Delaney's office at D1.commissioner@brevardfl.gov or visit <https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/> for more information.

Now–May 1:

Staff Review & Charter Deadline

- County staff are reviewing all written CEER submissions now.
- They must return to the Board with recommendations by the Charter deadline (within 120 days of receipt, around May 1).

April 7:

Speak During General Public Comment

On April 7, CEER submitters may speak during the first general public comment period. This is an open comment slot—not a dedicated CEER agenda item—but you can still share your recommendations on the record.

May 5:



CEER Hearing (5-Minute Presentations)

On May 5 at 6 p.m., CEER submitters will have a formal, time-certain slot to present each CEER for up to five minutes.

This meeting will serve as your structured CEER hearing—the focused opportunity for direct presentations to the Board.

Agenda Item J.3

April 7, 2026

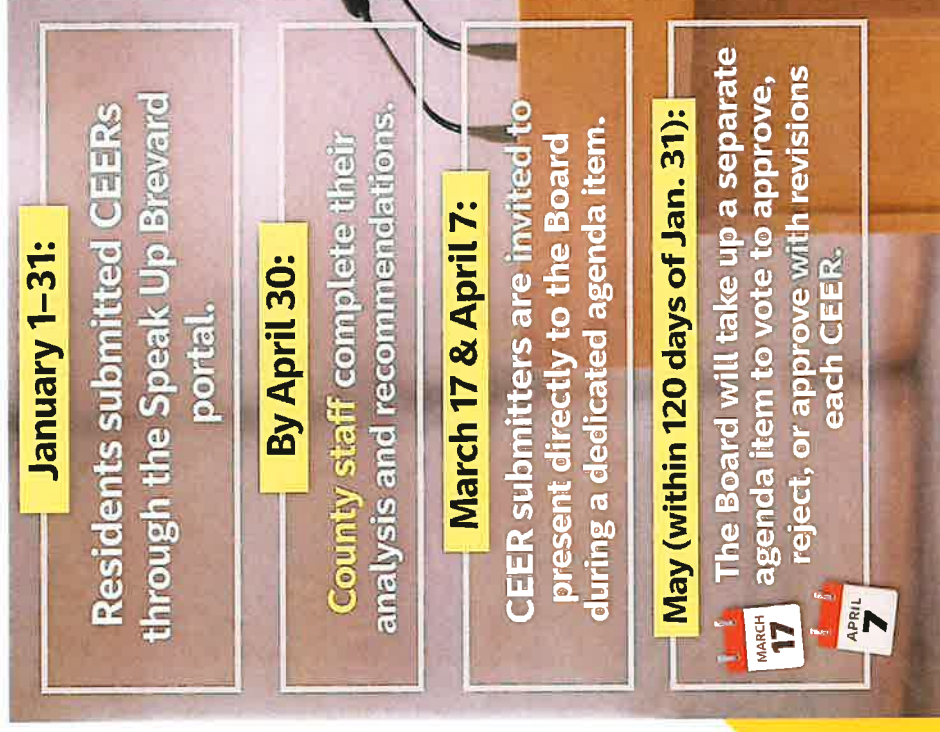


SPEAK UP BREVARD **2026 PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Board will receive an update on the 2026 Susan B. Connolly Speak Up Brevard program including this year's timeline and anticipated meeting for the BOCC vote on the 2026 submissions.



2026 Speak Up Brevard Timeline





County Council of Volusia County, Florida

March 17, 2026
Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Revised March 13, 2026
Revised March 16, 2026

Item B

FILE NUMBER 13351

Accept and ratify the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant aid for the Design of the Replacement of Centrifugal Chillers at Daytona Beach International at Daytona Beach International Airport (Financial Project Number CM 444070 1 04 041)

Revenue: \$116,918

Match: \$116,918 [From DBIA funds]

Strategic Goals: Efficient and Effective Government Operations

Cydis Calamit (300) 240-0030 x18070 Karen Hester (300) 240-0030 x18304

COMMUNITY SERVICES

-Community Assistance

Item C

FILE NUMBER 13367

Contract with Paul Culver Construction, Inc., for the construction of a pavilion at the Seville Village Improvement Association's site using federal Community Development Block Grant funds, 26-B-29IF, C0003

Expenditure not to exceed: \$177,000 [From CDBG grant funds]

Strategic Goals: Enhance Fiscal Stewardship

Brad Burrough (300) 240-9120 x13500 Carmen Hall (300) 250-5955 x12044

Item D

FILE NUMBER 13372

Contract with Charles Construction Company, LLC (C3C) for the construction of the Seville Village Improvement Association's site using federal Community Development Block Grant funds, 26-B-29IF, C0003

Estimated annual expenditure: \$78,600 [80% Expected reimbursement from the FCC E-Rate program]

Strategic Goals: Enhance Fiscal Stewardship

Brad Burrough (300) 240-9120 x13500 Carmen Hall (300) 240-9120 x11212



County Council of Volusia County, Florida

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PUBLIC PROTECTION

-Animal Services

Item L

FILE NUMBER 13386

First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the City of Deltona to provide Animal Control supplemental operational assistance and animal sheltering services as requested within the jurisdiction of Deltona

Strategic Goals: Enhance Fiscal Stewardship

Julissa Wisniewski (300) 240-7700 x11536 Karen Malusiak (386) 740-5120 x12919

PUBLIC WORKS

-Engineering and Construction

Item M

FILE NUMBER 13380

Proposed release of a 1-Foot Non-Vehicular Easement along South Blue Lake Ave as recorded in OR 8118, Page 4857 and a proposed new Non-Vehicular Easement, (Deland area) Council District #1 Tadd Kasbeer (386) 736-5967 x15846

Item N

FILE NUMBER 13383

Design of Williamson Boulevard Widening from Madeline Avenue to Town West Boulevard (Port Orange)

Revenue: \$846,957

Match: \$846,957 [From Gas Tax funds]

Todd Kasbeer (386) 736-5967 x15846

Item O

FILE NUMBER 13387

Contract task assignment amendment with TLC Engineering Solutions, for professional engineering and design services for Volusia County branch jail and corrections facility security system upgrades, 1030-1100-12003 IAZ, AMD 2

Expenditure: \$173,260

Todd Kasbeer (386) 736-5967 x15846

Goal #1: Create a More Efficient Regulatory Framework

Operational Strategies

- Continue to examine and propose alternative regulatory approaches.
- Minimize regulatory hurdles and costs for businesses and residents where appropriate.
- Articulate and publish the business impact/cost of new or revised ordinances.
- Provide resources to citizens to help them navigate regulatory processes.
- Conduct presentations or round-table discussions with business and industry leaders/associations.
- Explore the delegation of decision-making authority to streamline decision making for residents and businesses.
- Provide a supportive regulatory environment for the private development of workforce housing.

Goal #2: Increase the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Government Operations, Particularly Public Safety and Economic Development Related Functions

Operational Strategies

- Continue to explore and implement cost recovery operational model where appropriate.
- Review fees for service on a rotating schedule to ensure they are updated routinely to cover the cost of service.
- Continue to explore, purchase, and implement technology that increases efficiency or transparency.
- Explore alternative revenue streams to off-set costs associated with public safety, economic development, and other government functions.
- Continue to evaluate emergency medical response strategies to improve medical outcomes.
- Continue to identify where county services or practices are duplicating those of another agency and then determine the need to continue the service or practice.
- Continue to study the operational efficiency of internal support functions (e.g., fleet, facilities, etc.).
- Focus on staff retention to improve efficiency and continuity of operations.

Goal #3: Develop and Implement a Plan for Expanded Recreation and Sports Tourism Services

Operational Strategies

- Support the completion of the Fairgrounds and Trails Master Plans.
- Preserve and manage environmental lands, beaches, parks, and historical assets to high standards.
- Improve and expand trails, water access, and recreational amenities through the ECHO Direct County Expenditure Plan.
- Develop sports facilities that can serve as economic impact drivers by serving local, state, and national tournaments.
- Continue to expand and promote new programs for county residents at the Ocean Center.
- Protect, promote, and enhance the tree cover and native landscapes on both public and private lands including scenic highways.
- Explore sponsorship opportunities to offset operational costs of recreational assets.

Goal #4: Continue and Enhance Fiscal Stewardship

Operational Strategies

- Develop public-private and governmental partnerships to offset capital improvement and operational costs.
- Continue to explore and implement consolidation, outsourcing or reorganization of services where and when appropriate.
- Proactively cure and prevent deferred capital maintenance through the allocation of resources, sound financial policies, and forward-looking budget practices.
- Utilize a five-year budgeting process using realistic forecasts and growth assumptions.
- Continue to use accountability and transparency dashboards to demonstrate efficiency to the public.
- Seek out state and federal appropriations and funding.
- Continue strategic investments in the infrastructure and lands owned by the airport to facilitate increased business activity.

Goal #5: Foster and Support a Solution-Oriented Culture

Operational Strategies

- Continue to improve customer service experience through employee training and web-based services.
- Recognize and reward employee service and accomplishments.
- Inform and engage citizens through multiple outreach platforms to ensure consistent, high-value, transparent communication on the most important issues.
- Continue to make government nimble and more adaptive to change without sacrificing protections that safeguard the public trust.
- Support professional development and training opportunities to expand the knowledge and expertise of staff.