



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Citizen Recommendations

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3/3/2025

Subject:

William Hodge - CEER #2025029

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

N/A

Requested Action:

N/A

Summary Explanation and Background:

William Hodge submitted CEER #2025029. Recommendation is attached.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

N/A

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 11:40 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025029

Recommendation # 2025029

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025029 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025029
Recommendation Title	approval of consent agenda
Areas Affected	county commissioners
Department Affected	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Current problem	items listed on the consent agenda are voted as one block and commissioners can only say no to certain items . this does not provide a chance for meaningful discussion by the commissioners or the public.
Recommendation	county commissioners should be able to pull items off the consent agenda and then allow discussion of the pulled item by the commissioners and the public . then it can be voted as a separate item . Just saying no on some items does not allow any discussion on that item. this is the procedure followed by cape canaveral council
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Consent Agenda

Good evening Commissioners,

I have submitted a recommendation that I think the county can improve on the visibility and function of the consent agenda. Currently the numerous items listed on the consent agenda are voted on as one block with commissioners occasionally stating that they are voting no to a certain item. The current process does not provide a chance for meaningful discussion by the commissioners or the public, and raises concerns about transparency and visibility of the county business.

There are sometimes more than 2 dozen items of county business that are voted on in a single meeting under the consent agenda. These consent agenda items are not read out loud, and the public has no idea what is being voted on by listening to the meeting or when viewing it on the streaming platforms.

I propose the following changes to the consent agenda:

- The county manager or the county attorney should read each consent agenda item out loud and into the record as is done at other local meetings including Titusville and Cocoa Beach.
- The dollar amount of each action voting item should be clearly stated during the consent agenda reading and on the written agenda, as well as the total dollar amount of the items being approved under the consent agenda.
- Fewer items should be placed on the consent agenda, as consent agenda items are defined as being routine and non-controversial in nature.
- Commissioners that are voting no on a consent agenda item should pull the agenda item and state why they are voting no on the item, as is done on Cape Canaveral.
- Commissioners should more frequently pull items to add visibility, and publicly raise the concern that many items do not belong on the consent agenda and should be placed on the regular business agenda before the meeting.
- A brief statement could be read out loud at each meeting and placed on the projector that informs the public that background information for every agenda item is available online on the county website.

With the new commission there is an opportunity to improve the handling of the consent agenda to make it more transparent to the public. Commissioner Feltner, I request that you spearhead these visibility and transparency changes in your new role as the current board chairman. These proposed revisions would make a difference to residents and can be implemented immediately.

I request that my statement be added to the record of this workshop meeting, and included in my CEER recommendation. I am also presenting a copy of this statement to the Clerk to the Board.

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Kimberly Powell

From: Horst, Rachel <Rachel.Horst@brevardfl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:14 AM
To: Clerk to the Board
Cc: Walker, Don
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]FW: Consent Agenda - CEER Statement from Bill Hodge

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Good morning,

I apologize for the delay on this, you may have received a copy of this already but I wanted to provide this to supplement Item C9 for Bill Hodge for the Speak Up Brevard/CEER Workshop held on March 3.

Thank you,



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From: sarah hodge <hodge_sarah@yahoo.com>
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Commissioner, D3 <d3.commissioner@brevardfl.gov>; Commissioner, D4 <D4.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov>;
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