



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - County Manager

J.3.

3/7/2023

Subject:

The appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

County Manager's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners concur with the appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County per section 154.04(b), Florida Statutes.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Florida Statute 154.04(b) requires the concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners in the appointment of the County Health Department Administrator.

The Florida Department of Health Surgeon General and Secretary requests concurrence from the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



March 8, 2023

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item J.3., Appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 7, 2023, appointed Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kimberly Powell".

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

cc: Each Commissioner

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

Ron DeSantis
Governor

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

February 21, 2023

Rita Pritchett, Commissioner
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32940

Dear Commissioner Pritchett:

The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County. County health departments sustain the partnership between the Florida Department of Health and county government pursuant to section 154.04, Florida Statutes. In keeping with state law, as well as our desire to maintain this important partnership, the Florida Department of Health works collectively with county government when selecting a new health department administrator.

Dr. Zonka has an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated her ability as a skilled leader. I believe Dr. Zonka will be an asset to the Florida Department of Health and Brevard County as their new health department administrator.

The Florida Department of Health is requesting time on the agenda during your upcoming meeting to request concurrence on the appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County. If you or any member of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners have questions or would like more information regarding Dr. Zonka, please feel free to contact Mark Lander, Interim Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems at 850-245-4243.

I appreciate the support of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners and the community in selecting the best candidate for the people of Brevard County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ladapo", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager
Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C

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Accredited Health Department
Public Health Accreditation Board

KRISTINE M. ZONKA

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced, board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner licensed in state of Florida. Focused on helping all patients manage issues and improve health. Holding a dual role as the Associate Medical Director of APP's (Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants) and Family Practice Provider within a large health system. Healthcare team member and leader with advanced understanding of clinical practice, government policy, budgeting, emergency management, and intergovernmental relationships. Experienced in providing acute care, wellness exams, and chronic disease management for diverse and challenging populations. Over 13 years combined of elected public service in local government.

SKILLS

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| • Critical Thinking | • Staff Management |
| • Government and healthcare policies and procedures | • Financial Management and budgeting |
| • Judgement and Decision Making | • Integrity and Transparency |
| • Intergovernmental relationships | • Effective Communicator and Public Speaker |
| • Standards of Care | • Complex Problem Solving |
| • Work Planning and Prioritization | • Community Outreach |
| • Health Promotion and education | • Resource Utilization |
| • Strategic planning | |

WORK HISTORY

Family Nurse Practitioner and Associate Medical Director of APPs, 12/2018 to Current
Health First Medical Group – Merritt Island, FL

- **Family Practice APRN:** Bayside Lakes/Eldron and Merritt Island locations
- Management of acute and chronic illnesses, wellness, and annual/physical exams across the age spectrum.
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests to develop and implement treatment plans.
- Provide preventive care such as well-child checks, adult physicals and gynecological examinations.
- Educate patients on treatment options, medical needs and non-medical options for treatments and therapy. Education and guidance on disease prevention and healthy lifestyle habits to prevent acute and chronic illnesses.
- Prescribe appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment modalities to support health and comfort of patients.
- **Medical Director:** lead on the advancement and engagement of APPs (APRN's and PA's) within the health system, focusing on utilization, best practice, and recruitment and orientation.
- Evaluation and management of challenging employee situations.
- Focusing on primary care and specialties, partnering with operations, practice optimization, multiple committees, and other leadership departments to improve efficiencies, patient access, workflow and best practice (with physicians and APPs).

Brevard County Commissioner, 11/2016 to Current

Brevard County – Viera, FL

- Elected November, 2016, re-elected November, 2020
- Serving residents in 5 municipal areas including Palm Bay, Melbourne, Indialantic, Melbourne Village, and West Melbourne.
- Assist with the management of \$1.6 billion county budget.
- Participated and led budget and organizational discussions.
- Led public outreach initiatives on a variety of topics in conjunction with city and county staff, aligning government and nonprofit organizations.
- Local proponent for government transparency and public involvement in budget and policy discussions.
- Prioritized and led the charge on elder issues, public safety, access to public transportation, and infrastructure improvements in the district.
- Engaged thousands of one-on-one discussions with constituents (and patients) on impacts of health care and government policy changes.
- Led in policy initiatives and helping to secure millions for workforce/affordable housing.

Registered Nurse, 04/2008 to 11/2018

Palm Bay Hospital

- Medical/Surgical RN, PICC/Vascular Access Team RN, Hospice RN
- Health First Hospice inpatient unit, William Childs Hospice House.
- Post-op, inpatient, pain management, vascular access, hospice, and critical care.

City Councilwoman, 11/2007 to 11/2014

City Of Palm Bay – Palm Bay, FL

- Reviewed, approved and managed budgets for annual operations and capital improvement projects.
- Represented more than 106,000 constituents and maintained positive community outreach.
- Set policies and enforced fair and equitable application of ordinances.
- Fostered climate of collaboration between general public, city manager and members of city council.
- Led change in transparency initiative that resulted in an interactive database for residents to review governmental expenditures and salaries of all government employees.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Nursing Practice: 03/2020

Frontier Nursing University - Hyden, KY

- 4.0 GPA
- Courses in leadership and organizational dynamics, policy and advocacy, and nurse as educator.
- Doctoral Project: "Improving Effective Obesity Management of Adults at a Suburban Primary Care Clinic". Utilizing evidenced based practice, the focus of this quality improvement initiative was to assist providers and patients with tools to help patients set achievable goals to improve their overall health and help prevent chronic illnesses.

Master's Degree, Family Nurse Practitioner: 08/2018

Frontier Nursing University - Hyden, KY

- 3.93 GPA
- Courses in community health, nursing research, health policy, primary care, pediatrics, geriatrics, epidemiology and biostatistics, and 675 hours of clinical training.

- Clinical skills training in procedures, physical assessment, diagnosis, acute and chronic disease management, and pharmacology.

Associates Degree in Nursing: Nursing, 04/2008

Keiser University - Melbourne, FL

- High Honors/Dean's list. Vice president of Nursing class

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Awards/Recognitions: Quality Floridian Award, Congressman Bill Posey. Congressional Florida leadership award, Congressman Bill Posey. Chamber of Commerce Chairmanship award, Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce. Numerous awards and recognitions for leadership from many local organizations (Relay for Life, Lockmar Homeowners Association, Palm Bay Little League, Patriot Charter School, etc.)

J.3.

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME ZONKA, KRISTINE		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
MAILING ADDRESS 490 CENTRE LAKE DRIVE, SUITE 175		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
CITY PALM BAY	COUNTY BREVARD	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: BREVARD COUNTY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED MARCH 7, 2023		MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, KRISTINE ZONKA, hereby disclose that on MARCH 7, 20 23:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☒ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on my appointment to the position of Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County. Pursuant to section 286.012, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, I hereby declare a voting conflict and I shall not vote upon this measure.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

March 7, 2023

Date Filed

Signature



NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.