## **VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** DISTRICT January 10, 2024 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** REGULAR **MEETING AGENDA**

# AGENDA LETTER

## Verandah East Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W•Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Phone: (561) 571-0010•Fax: (561) 571-0013•Toll-free: (877) 276-0889

January 3, 2024

Board of Supervisors Verandah East Community Development District ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Verandah East Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting on January 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at 11390 Palm Beach Blvd., First Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33905. The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments (3 minutes per person)
- 3. Consideration of Resolution 2024-01, Implementing Section 190.006(3), Florida Statutes, and Requesting That the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Begin Conducting the District's General Elections; Providing for Compensation; Setting Forth the Terms of Office; Authorizing Notice of the Qualifying Period; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
- 4. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of November 30, 2023
- 5. Approval of October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 6. Staff Reports
  - A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
    - Required Ethics Training
  - B. District Engineer: Johnson Engineering, Inc.
  - C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
    - NEXT MEETING DATE: May 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM
      - QUORUM CHECK

Seat 1	RICHARD DENIS SHIELDS, JR.	IN PERSON	PHONE	No
Seat 2	John Sample	IN PERSON	PHONE	No
Seat 3	JACQUELINE VOILES	IN PERSON	PHONE	No
Seat 4	Christine Jaross	IN PERSON	PHONE	No
Seat 5	David Moore	IN PERSON	PHONE	No

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- 7. Supervisors' Requests
- 8. Adjournment

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 989-2939.

Sincerely,

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Cleo Adams District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE: CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094 PARTICIPANT CODE: 709 724 7992



#### **RESOLUTION 2024-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IMPLEMENTING SECTION 190.006(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND REQUESTING THAT THE LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BEGIN CONDUCTING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF OFFICE; AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Verandah East Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Lee County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of Verandah East Community Development District seeks to implement section 190.006(3), Florida Statutes, and to instruct the Lee County Supervisor of Elections ("Supervisor") to conduct the District's General Election ("General Election").

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **GENERAL ELECTION SEATS.** Seat 3, currently held by Jacqueline Voiles, Seat 4, currently held by Christine Jaross, and Seat 5, currently held David Moore, are scheduled for the General Election in November 2024. The District Manager is hereby authorized to notify the Supervisor of Elections as to what seats are subject to General Election for the current election year, and for each subsequent election year.

2. **QUALIFICATION PROCESS.** For each General Election, all candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, *Florida Statutes*, and must also be a qualified elector of the District. A qualified elector is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*.

3. **COMPENSATION.** Members of the Board receive \$200 per meeting for their attendance and no Board member shall receive more than \$4,800 per year.

4. **TERM OF OFFICE.** The term of office for the individuals to be elected to the Board in the General Election is four years. The newly elected Board members shall assume office on the second Tuesday following the election.

5. **REQUEST TO SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.** The District hereby requests the Supervisor to conduct the District's General Election in November 2024, and for each subsequent General Election unless otherwise directed by the District's Manager. The District understands that it will be responsible to pay for its proportionate share of the General Election cost and agrees to pay same within a reasonable time after receipt of an invoice from the Supervisor.

6. **PUBLICATION.** The District Manager is directed to publish a notice of the qualifying period for each General Election, in a form substantially similar to **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

7. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Exhibit A

## NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Verandah East Community Development District will commence at noon on June 10, 2024, and close at noon on June 14, 2024. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections located at 2480 Thompson Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, (239) 533-8683. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a qualified elector of the District. A qualified elector is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

The Verandah East Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 3, 4 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 5, 2024, in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information please contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections.

District Manager Verandah East Community Development District

## UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNAUDITED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

### VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	Major	Funds		
		Debt	-	Total
		Service	Go	vernmental
	General	Series 2016		Funds
ASSETS				
Cash (SunTrust)	\$1,386,524	\$-	\$	1,386,524
Investments				
Revenue account	-	205,267		205,267
Reserve account	-	375,000		375,000
Prepayment account	-	18		18
Principal account	-	303		303
Redemption	-	3		3
Due from other governments	4,980	-		4,980
Due from general fund	-	1,191,104		1,191,104
Deposits	45	-		45
Total assets	\$ 1,391,549	\$ 1,771,695	\$	3,163,244
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 24,190	\$-	\$	24,190
Due to debt service fund	+ ,	φ -	φ	1,191,104
Total liabilities	<u>1,191,104</u> 1,215,294			1,215,294
Total habilities	1,215,294			1,213,294
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	1,771,695		1,771,695
Unassigned	176,255	-		176,255
Total fund balances	176,255	1,771,695		1,947,950
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,391,549	\$1,771,695	\$	3,163,244

### VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GENERAL FUND 001 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

REVENUE	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
Special assessment: on-roll Interest & miscellaneous	\$ 162,159 -	\$ 165,038 1	\$   198,560 263	83% 0%
Total revenue	162,159	165,039	198,823	83%
EXPENDITURE				
Professional and administrative				
Supervisors	-	792	3,070	26%
Management and accounting	4,567	9,134	54,805	17%
Audit	-	-	6,535	0%
Legal	-	-	4,386	0%
Field management	773	1,547	9,282	17%
Engineering	880	880	4,386	20%
Trustee	2,365	2,365	4,386	54%
Dissemination agent	303	605	3,631	17%
Arbitrage	-	-	1,316	0%
Assessment roll preparation	877	1,754	10,526	17%
Telephone	28	57	340	17%
Postage	53	98	219	45%
Insurance	-	6,623	6,666	99%
Printing & binding	59	118	708	17%
Legal advertising	-	-	658	0%
Office expenses and supplies	-	-	110	0%
Website	-	310	618	50%
Contingencies	51	97	658	15%
ADA website compliance	-	-	175	0%
Annual district filing fee	-	154	154	100%
Total professional & admin expenses	9,956	24,534	112,629	22%
Water management				
Contractual services	4,699	4,699	53,945	9%
Aquascaping - pipe cleanout	-	-	2,193	0%
Perimeter fence - wall ongoing RM not shared	-	-	1,800	0%
Utilities	-	40	570	7%
Contingencies	-	-	2,193	0%
Total water management	4,699	4,739	60,701	8%

### VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GENERAL FUND 001 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
Other fees and charges				<u>v</u>
Property appraiser	-	-	804	0%
Tax collector		1,384	1,479	94%
Total other fees & charges		1,384	2,283	61%
Total expenditures	14,655	30,657	175,613	17%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	147,504	134,382	23,210	
Fund balances - beginning Fund balances - ending	28,751 \$ 176,255	41,873 \$ 176,255	28,480 \$ 51,690	

### VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND 201 - SERIES 2016 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Special assessment: on-roll	\$ 1,180,215	\$ 1,191,104	\$ 1,445,557	82%
Interest	3,745	7,341	-	N/A
Total revenues	1,183,960	1,198,445	1,445,557	83%
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	845,000	0%
Principal prepayments	5,000	5,000	-	N/A
Interest	312,228	312,228	624,456	50%
Total expenditures	317,228	317,228	1,469,456	22%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues				
over/(under) expenditures	866,732	881,217	(23,899)	
Fund balances - beginning	904,963	890,478	857,100	
Fund balances - ending	\$ 1,771,695	\$ 1,771,695	\$ 833,201	

## MINUTES

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1		OF MEETING
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5	The Board of Supervisors of the Veran	dah East Community Development District held a
6	Regular Meeting on October 11, 2023 at 1:00	p.m., at 11390 Palm Beach Blvd., First Floor, Fort
7	Myers, Florida 33905.	
8	Present were:	
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10	David Moore	Chair Miss Chair
11 12	Richard (Denny) Shields, Jr. Christine Jaross	Vice Chair Assistant Socratany
12	John Sample (via telephone)	Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary
14	Jacqueline Voiles (via telephone)	Assistant Secretary
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16	Also present:	
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18	Chuck Adams (via telephone)	District Manager
19	Cleo Adams	District Manager
20	Shane Willis	Operations Manager
21	Alyssa Willson (via telephone)	District Counsel
22	Brent Burford (via telephone)	District Engineer
23 24	Susan Shields	Resident/VCA Board Member
24 25	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call
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27	Mrs. Adams called the meeting to or	der at 1:00 p.m. Supervisors Moore, Shields and
28	Jaross were present. Supervisors Voiles and Sa	ample attended via telephone.
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30	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments (3 minutes per person)
31	Decident and VCA Decid Manham Cur	on Chields distributed consists of a 2010 curdit and
32		an Shields distributed copies of a 2018 audit and
33	read the following paragraph from Page 20:	
34		and the Verandah West CDD. ("the Districts")
35		ce agreement with Heritage Willow LLC, Heritage
36		a non-exclusive maintenance easement for the
37	installation and maintenance of certain impr	ovements. The Districts shall use all due care to
38	protect the easement area from damage resul	ts from the Districts' use of the easement area."
39	Ms. Shields asked for a copy of the Co	onservation Area Maintenance Agreement so she
40	can gain a better understanding of the own	nership and the relationships with the different

	VERANDAH EAST CDD	DRAFT	October 11, 2023
41	entities in the Veranda Comm	nunity. Mrs. Adams stated Staff will rese	arch this and report its
42	findings at a future meeting.		
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44 45 46	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Discussion: MRI Ins #4277 for Cleaning A	spection, LLC Estimate A-2 Line
47	• Map		
48	• Report		
49	Mrs. Adams recalled the	nat, at the last meeting, Staff was directed	to obtain a proposal to
50	clean pipe A-2. She presented	the MRI Inspection, LLC Estimate #4277 in	n the amount of \$8,800.
51	As the expense is not budge	ted, she recommended deferring the ins	spection. She discussed
52	increasing assessments and	flooding concerns. Asked if the bloc	kage is the result of
53	construction work, Mrs. Adam	is stated it occurred naturally, over time. A	Asked how long to defer
54	the inspection, Mrs. Adams re	commended deferring it until the summer	
55	Discussion ensued re	garding the budget, when to perform	the work, a concrete
56	washout, area construction, g	rates, inlets and catch basin inspections in	area neighborhoods.
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58 59 60 61 62	Inspection, LLC Estima	oore and seconded by Ms. Shields, with te #4277 to clean the A-2 line, in a not-to ncing the project in May 2024, was appro	-exceed amount
62 63 64 65	FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Acceptance of Statements as of Au	Unaudited Financial gust 31, 2023
66	Mrs. Adams reviewed	the changes that the Accounting Depa	artment corrected. Mr.
67	Moore questioned the "Posta	age" line item at 257% and polled the Bo	pard about the need to
68	receive the agenda via FedEx.		
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70 71 72	-	Moore and seconded by Ms. Jaross, w hipping of agenda packages to the Board,	-
72 73 74	The financials were acc	epted.	
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76 77	FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Approval of August and Regular Meeting 2	9, 2023 Public Hearing g Minutes
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79		On MOTION by Mr. Moore a	nd seconded by Mr. Sample, with all in favor, the
80		<b>.</b> .	ng and Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented,
81 82		were approved.	
82 83			
84 85	SIXTH	ORDER OF BUSINESS	Staff Reports
86	Α.	District Counsel: Kutak Rock I	LP
87		Ms. Willson noted the Comn	nission on Ethics' recommendations on the Supervisors'
88	repor	ting obligations that will start	on January 2024 are being monitored. As soon as the
89	Comn	nission updates the instructions	on its website, Staff will finalize the memorandum with
90	recom	nmended resources that will be a	available at no cost through the Commission's website.
91	В.	District Engineer: Johnson En	gineering, Inc.
92		Mr. Burford discussed water	evels, velocity, rate of discharge and flushing out a pipe
93	that i	s 75% full. Asked about deferri	ng the project until May, Mr. Burford stated if there is a
94	major	rain event, it might be disastro	us; the CDD would benefit by having the pipe cleaned out.
95	Asked	l if the water levels on the lake	were inspected, Mr. Willis stated he will conduct a lake
96	reviev	w on Friday and will take and for	ward photographs to the Board.
97	C.	District Manager: Wrathell, H	unt & Associates, LLC
98		• NEXT MEETING DATE:	January 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM
99		• QUORUM CHEC	Ж
100		All Supervisors confirmed their	r in-person attendance at the January 10, 2024 meeting.
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102	SEVE	NTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Supervisors' Requests
103 104		Mr. Moore stated Board Me	mbers should be careful when going through emails to
105	avoid	being defrauded.	
106		Discussion ensued regarding	adhering to the Sunshine Law in relation to Supervisors
107	comm	nunicating via email.	
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109	EIGHT	TH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment
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111 112		On MOTION by Mr. Moore a meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.r	nd seconded by Ms. Jaross, with all in favor, the n.

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118	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair	
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# STAFF REPORTS A

## KUTAKROCK

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> Alyssa C. Willson 850.692.7309 Alyssa.Willson@KutakRock.com

#### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Supervisors, Verandah East Community Development District

From: Alyssa Willson

Date: January 4, 2024

Subject: Ethics Training Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Board Supervisors of Florida Community Development Districts will be required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics training each year. The four (4) hours must be allocated to the following categories: two (2) hours of Ethics Law, one (1) hour of Sunshine Law, and one (1) hour of Public Records law.

This training may be completed online, and the four (4) hours do not have to be completed all at once. The Florida Commission on Ethics ("COE") has compiled a list of resources for this training. An overview of the resources are described below, and links to the resources are included in this memo.

Each year when Supervisors complete the required financial disclosure form (Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests), Supervisors must mark a box confirming that he or she has completed the Ethics training requirements. At this time, there is no requirement to submit a certificate; however, the COE advises that Supervisors keep a record of all trainings completed (including date and time of completion), in the event Supervisors are ever asked to provide proof of completion. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year. So, Supervisors will not report their 2024 training until they fill out their Form 1 for the 2025 year.

#### **Free Training Options**

The Florida Commission on Ethics' ("COE") website has several free online resources and links to resources that Supervisors can access to complete the training requirements. Navigate to that page here: <u>Florida Commission on Ethics Training</u>.<sup>1</sup> Please note that the COE only provides free training for the two (2) hour Ethics portion of the annual training. However, the COE does provide links to free outside resources to complete the Sunshine and Public Records portion of the training. These links are included in this memorandum below for your ease of reference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx</u>

## KUTAKROCK

#### **Free Ethics Law Training**

The COE provides several videos for Ethics training, none of which are exactly two (2) hours in length. Please ensure you complete 120 minutes of Ethics training when choosing a combination of the below.

State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers (100 minutes) Click here: <u>Kinetic Ethics</u>

#### **Business and Employment Conflicts and Post-Public-Service (56 minutes) Restriction** Click here: Business and Employment Conflicts

**Gifts (50 minutes)** Click here: Ethics Laws Governing Acceptance of Gifts

#### Voting Conflicts - Local Officers (58 minutes)<sup>1</sup>

Click here: Voting Vertigo

#### Free Sunshine/Public Records Law Training

The Office of the Attorney General provides a two (2) hour online training course (audio only) that meets the requirements of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law portion of Supervisors' annual training. Click here to access: Public Meeting and Public Records Law

#### **Other Training Options**

#### 4- Hour Course

Some courses will provide a certificate upon completion (not required), like the one found from the Florida State University, Florida Institute of Government, linked here: <u>4-Hour Ethics</u> <u>Course</u>. This course meets all the ethics training requirements for the year, including Sunshine Law and Public Records training. This course is currently \$79.00

#### **CLE Course**

The COE's website includes a link to the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education online tutorial which also meets all the Ethics training requirements. However, this is a CLE course designed more specifically for attorneys. The 5 hours 18 minutes' long course exceeds the 4-hour requirement and its cost is significantly higher than the 4-Hour Ethics course provided by the Florida State University. The course is currently \$325.00. To access this course, click here: Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics for Public Officers and Public Employees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

# STAFF REPORTS C

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

**LOCATION** 11390 Palm Beach Blvd., First Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33905

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 11, 2023	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
January 10, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
May 8, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 14, 2024	Dublic Heaving & Decular Masting	1.00 DM
August 14, 2024	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting	1:00 PM