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# News Release

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## Palm Beach County Commission approves changes to local ethics ordinances as recommended by the Commission on Ethics.

The Palm Beach County Commission Board of County Commissioners (BCC) took the following actions at a public meeting/hearing held on June 15, 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading).

The BCC voted to adopt certain recommended changes to the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Ordinance, and the Lobbyist Registration Ordinance as recommended by the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE).

The proposed changes were the result of nearly two years of work by the COE and its staff in partnership with county administration (Administrator Verdenia Baker and Assistant County Administrator Todd Bonlarron), the county attorney's office (County Attorney Denise Nieman, Deputy County Attorney Denise Kaufman, Assistant County Attorney Howard Falcon, and former Chief Assistant County Attorney Leonard Berger), the Palm Beach County League of Cities (Executive Director Richard Radcliff, League Counsel Keith Davis, and former League Counsel Jennifer Ashton), and a review committee made up of various stakeholders within Palm Beach County.

The COE would like to thank everyone who participated in this effort.

A detailed explanation of all changes is available at the COE website:  
[www.palmbeachcountyetics.com](http://www.palmbeachcountyetics.com).

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