

# **SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

*COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING  
1101 EAST FIRST STREET  
SANFORD, FLORIDA  
32771-1468*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**3:30 PM**

**County Attorney Public Interviews and Public Input**

**BCC Chambers**

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Call to Order**

**Present:** Chairman (District 4) Amy Lockhart  
Vice Chairman (District 5) Andria Herr  
Commissioner (District 1) Bob Dallari  
Commissioner (District 2) Jay Zembower  
Commissioner (District 3) Lee Constantine

Additional Attendees: County Manager Darren Gray, Acting County Attorney Paul Chipok, and Deputy Clerk Kyla Farrell.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Acting County Attorney Paul Chipok led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
SEMINOLE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023  
COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING  
BCC CHAMBERS - ROOM 1028  
1101 EAST FIRST STREET  
SANFORD, FLORIDA

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Convene BCC Meeting at 3:30 PM or soon thereafter

**COUNTY ATTORNEY PUBLIC INTERVIEWS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

The Board of County Commissioners will convene a Special Board of County Commissioners meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. or soon thereafter in the Commission Chambers #1028, 1101 East 1st Street, Sanford, Florida for County Attorney finalists public interviews, public input, discussion, and possible final selection.

Chairman Lockhart briefly explained the process and reason for today's meeting.

Renee Narloch, Renee Narloch & Associates, addressed the Board and gave an update on the process so far and the purpose of today's meeting. She introduced the first candidate.

**3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. David Margolis**

Mr. Margolis addressed the Board and discussed why he would like to serve Seminole County as County Attorney. There were no questions for Mr. Margolis.

**3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Aleksandr Boksner**

Mr. Boksner addressed the Board and briefly discussed his career history and answered questions from the Board.

**4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Katherine "Kate" Latorre**

Ms. Latorre addressed the Board and shared her professional background and answered questions from the Board.

**4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Desmond Morell**

Mr. Morell addressed the Board and stated although he is an internal candidate, he is happy to answer any questions the Board may have about his work experience. There were few questions and comments from the Board.

**4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Diego "Woody" Rodriguez**

Mr. Rodriguez addressed the Board and briefly discussed his work history. He answered questions asked by the Board.

**4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. David Shields**

Mr. Shields addressed the Board and discussed his experience in the Seminole County Attorney's Office and his experience prior. He answered questions asked by the Board.

**5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. Public Comment - Debrief with Commissioners**

With regard to public participation, no one spoke, and public input was closed.

**5:20 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Discussion**

Commissioner Zembower shared his comments regarding the candidates.

Motion by Commissioner Zembower to ask Katherine "Kate" Latorre to be the next County Attorney; and work with Ms. Narloch to negotiate a contract along with Vice Chairman Herr in negotiating that contract as she did with the County Manager.

Chairman Lockhart stated she would like to give an opportunity to each Commissioner who may want to share anything from their experience through this interview process.

Each Commissioner shared comments regarding the candidates.

Commissioner Zembower stated he would like to restate his motion.

Motion by Commissioner Zembower, seconded by Commissioner Dallari, to approve the hiring of Katherine "Kate" Latorre, as well as working with Ms. Narloch and Vice Chairman Herr to negotiate the contract for the County Attorney's position.

Under discussion, Ms. Narloch advised they have already put together a timeline in hopes that they could come to a decision, enter into negotiations, and have an agreement by the end of the month if possible. Whoever the selected candidate is would serve 30 days' notice minimum where they are, which would be the month of July. They would have a start date sometime in the first to mid-August depending on their needs. The motioner and seconder agreed to the timeline.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

**ADJOURN BCC MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m., this same date.

**APPROVED by the BCC:**

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Chairman

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Court and Comptroller  
AS Clerk to the BCC