

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS ON THE DESOTO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) adopted Resolution 2013-49, providing for an Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), establishing committee composition, duties and responsibilities, qualifications, and initial appointments, which is codified in Division 4, of Article III, of Chapter 2 of the DeSoto County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the seat for a representative for the financial services sector has been vacated; and

WHEREAS, appointments of EDAC members are based upon the recommendation of staff and approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the submittals in accordance with the composition requirements and recommends appointment of Mr. Justin Fussell as the financial services sector member; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby deems it necessary for the continuity of the Committee and voting membership records to adopt a resolution indicating and clarifying current members and their respective term appointments and expirations of same; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution is in the best interest of the residents of DeSoto County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this resolution.

Section 2. The following individuals are hereby appointed and re-appointed by the Board to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the identified term:

1. Taylor Jones, DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce (Term expires Feb. 2028)

2. Beth Carsten, City of Arcadia Appt. (Term expires Feb. 2027)
3. Asena Mott, Education (Term expires Feb. 2027)
4. Debbie Wertz, County Government (Term expires Feb. 2028)
5. Janet Harvin, Private Sector (Term expires Feb. 2027)
6. Lynn Shelfer, Private Agriculture Sector (Term expires Feb. 2028)
7. Andrew Neuhofer, Private Sector Agriculture (Term expires Feb. 2027)
8. Akos Jankura, Private Sector (Term Expires June 2027)
9. Addison Reesor, Private Sector (Term Expires June 2027)
10. Justin Fussell, Financial Services Sector (Term Expires Feb. 2028)

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Mandy Hines
County Administrator

By: _____
Steve Hickox
Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Valerie Vicente,
County Attorney