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Tourist Development Council Vacancy

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the **Tourist Development Council**. All individuals serve without compensation and are requested to submit an Application for Appointment to Martin County Administration by Friday, August 29, 2025. For an Application, please call Martin County Administration 772-288-5756 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

POWERS & DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL:

Conduct public hearings to receive information from the public with respect to the effectiveness of the existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and businesses and the need for additional or different tourist development efforts. Recommend a method of coordination of existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations, and businesses and of new or additional tourist development efforts to obtain maximum economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the tourist development efforts in and for Martin County. Create, prepare, and submit to the Board of County Commission a Tourist Development Plan in the manner meeting the requirements of F.S. 125.0104 and, from time to time thereafter, make recommendations to the Board of County Commission for changes to the Tourist Development Plan.

Vacant Position – a citizen who is involved in the tourist industry and who has demonstrated an interest in tourist development, but who is **not** an owner or operator of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in the County that are subject to the tourist development tax. All **members must be registered Martin County voters.** Terms may be renewed at the decision of the County Commission. This term will end July 2029.

Members of the Council shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance - failure to attend three consecutive meetings and failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting.

Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

Meetings are typically held every other month on the third Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the Commission Chambers. The remaining meetings for 2025 are September 17 and November 12.