



# PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

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*Glades Technical Advisory Committee meeting-GTAC*

**YOU ARE INVITED: Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

*Belle Glade Civic Center*

*725 N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.*

*Belle Glade, FL 33430*

**Houston L. Tate**  
OCR Director

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Senior Planner

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Senior Planner

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Senior Planner



## **Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners**

Paulette Burdick, Mayor

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Mack Bernard

## **County Administrator**

Verdenia C. Baker

## **Deputy County Administrator**

Jon Van Arnan



## **Verdenia C. Baker** *County Administrator*

*As County Administrator, Verdenia, a Certified Financial Manager, is responsible for administration of the policies of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. She manages the daily operation of county government, which includes more than 6,200 employees and a budget of \$4.3 billion. Palm Beach County is one of the few counties in the nation with AAA bond ratings and has a population of more than 1.3 million persons.*

*Verdenia began her career with Palm Beach County in 1987 as a Budget Analyst; she then was promoted to Impact Fee Coordinator and eventually became the division director of the County's Financial Management Department. Her experience as a financial manager was a prelude to her promotion to Assistant County Administrator and one year later to Deputy County Administrator. She served as the County's liaison and lead negotiator on the successful recruitment of The Scripps Research Institute resulting in a growing biotechnology industry in Palm Beach County. In addition, she is instrumental in the development and implementation of the Mandatory Inclusionary Workforce Housing Program, Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County and the Growth Tiered System for the County. She was responsible for Redistricting of County Commission Districts in 2000 and 2010.*

*Verdenia collaborates daily with representatives of other jurisdictions, developers, private industry, civic and community organizations on issues of interest pertaining to county business. She represents the county on regional initiatives involving private and public sector entities on special projects including, but not limited to, 2016 Infrastructure Sales Tax; two (2) Super Bowls in 2001 and 2007 and the Third and Final Presidential Debate of 2012. Fiduciary responsibilities remain on the top of her agenda as she reviews and approves departmental and agency budgets before passing them to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.*

*Verdenia holds a Master of Science Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Rehabilitative Services, both from Florida State University. She has affiliation with several professional and community organizations and has received numerous national, state, and local awards.*

## **Palm Beach County FACTS**

*From 2012-2014, PBC had a net gain of 966 businesses. In non-agricultural industry the greatest net gains were in Health Care and Social Assistance (318), Educational Services (110) and Accommodation and Food Services (109).*

*The three major industries in Palm Beach County are tourism, construction and agriculture. There are also many high-tech industries such as bioscience that contribute to the growing economy.*

*Tourism accounts for more than 53,000 jobs in tourism-related businesses such as hotels, restaurants, stores and transportation services and others. More than 2 million people visit Palm Beach County annually, and they spend approximately \$3 billion while they are here.*

*Florida's overall total employment growth was 281.9% over 1969-2014 trailed Palm Beach County's increase of 455.7%, and topped the United States' increase of 104.1%*

***We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors!***

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