

288.1252 Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council; creation; purpose; membership; powers and duties.

(1) CREATION.—There is hereby created within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development of the Executive Office of the Governor, for administrative purposes only, the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council.

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the council shall be to serve as an advisory body to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development and to the Office of Film and Entertainment to provide these offices with industry insight and expertise related to developing, marketing, promoting, and providing service to the state's entertainment industry.

(3) MEMBERSHIP.—

(a) The council shall consist of 17 members, 7 to be appointed by the Governor, 5 to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 5 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) When making appointments to the council, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint persons who are residents of the state and who are highly knowledgeable of, active in, and recognized leaders in Florida's motion picture, television, video, sound recording, or other entertainment industries. These persons shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of local film commissions, representatives of entertainment associations, a representative of the broadcast industry, representatives of labor organizations in the entertainment industry, and board chairs, presidents, chief executive officers, chief operating officers, or persons of comparable executive position or stature of leading or otherwise important entertainment industry businesses and offices. Council members shall be appointed in such a manner as to equitably represent the broadest spectrum of the entertainment industry and geographic areas of the state.

(c) Council members shall serve for 4-year terms.

(d) Subsequent appointments shall be made by the official who appointed the council member whose expired term is to be filled.

(e) A representative of Enterprise Florida, Inc., a representative of Workforce Florida, Inc., and a representative of VISIT Florida shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the council, and shall be in addition to the 17 appointed members of the council.

(f) Absence from three consecutive meetings shall result in automatic removal from the council.

(g) A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the official who appointed the vacating member.

(h) No more than one member of the council may be an employee of any one company, organization, or association.

(i) Any member shall be eligible for reappointment but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(4) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.—

(a) The council shall meet no less frequently than once each quarter of the calendar year, but may meet more often as set by the council.

(b) The council shall annually elect from its appointed membership one member to serve as chair of the council and one member to serve as vice chair. The Office of Film and Entertainment shall provide staff assistance to the council, which shall include, but not be limited to, keeping records of the proceedings of the council, and serving as custodian of all books, documents, and papers filed with the council.

(c) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

(d) Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061 while in performance of their duties.

(5) POWERS AND DUTIES.—The Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this act, including, but not limited to, the power to:

(a) Adopt bylaws for the governance of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

(b) Advise and consult with the Office of Film and Entertainment on the content, development, and implementation of the 5-year strategic plan to guide the activities of the office.

(c) Review the Commissioner of Film and Entertainment's administration of the programs related to the strategic plan, and advise the commissioner on the programs and any changes that might be made to better meet the strategic plan.

(d) Consider and study the needs of the entertainment industry for the purpose of advising the commissioner and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

(e) Identify and make recommendations on state agency and local government actions that may have an impact on the entertainment industry or that may appear to industry representatives as an official state or local action affecting production in the state.

(f) Consider all matters submitted to it by the commissioner and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

(g) Advise and consult with the commissioner and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, at their request or upon its own initiative, regarding the promulgation, administration, and enforcement of all laws and rules relating to the entertainment industry.

(h) Suggest policies and practices for the conduct of business by the Office of Film and Entertainment or by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development that will improve

internal operations affecting the entertainment industry and will enhance the economic development initiatives of the state for the industry.

- (i) Appear on its own behalf before boards, commissions, departments, or other agencies of municipal, county, or state government, or the Federal Government.

History.

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s. 4, ch. 99-251; s. 6, ch. 2001-106; s. 26, ch. 2010-147.