



**SECTION 4. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

**4.16 SEMINOLE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY (“SCOPA”)**

**A. PURPOSE.** As a dependent special district created by special act of the Florida Legislature, SCOPA promotes and encourages domestic and foreign commerce and the activities of SCOPA. Further, SCOPA engages in the development of projects and acts as a general riverine, port, harbor, and wharf agency (over the Port of Sanford).

**B. DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES.** SCOPA normally meets once a month. The major powers of SCOPA are:

- (1) To engage in a wide array of activities relating to the diverse projects that pertain to port activities and related matters;
- (2) To acquire property and to exercise the power of eminent domain;
- (3) To issue bonds, pledge revenues, and engage in activities relating to such bonds;
- (4) To enter a wide array of contracts and other agreements;
- (5) To fix, regulate, and collect various charges;
- (6) To promote and encourage domestic and foreign commerce and the activities of SCOPA;
- (7) To grant franchises for diverse activities related to SCOPA projects; and
- (8) To exercise certain other governmental functions including the adoption of rules and regulations.

**C. MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE.**

(1) Requirements. Nine (9) persons who are residents and electors of the County. There will be no payment for services to members.

(2) Appointment Process. Eight of the members shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County. One member shall be selected annually by the Board of County Commissioners to serve as the ninth member whose term shall expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year succeeding his appointment. Vacancies will be filled for the unexpired term.

(3) Term of Office. Four (4) year terms. Appointees are eligible for reappointment.



**D. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.** The Board of County Commissioners mandates and requires that the members of the SCOPA shall annually file a statement of financial interests on CE Form 1 as otherwise required for “local officers” under State Statute.

**E. LOYALTY OATH.** Required

**F. AUTHORITY.** Established Chapter 65-2270, Laws of Florida  
Resolution adopted July 2, 1965  
Membership Revised by Chapter 88-477, Laws of Florida  
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