

Sales Tax 2026

Focus Group

Focus Group Membership to be approved by the BCC on July 22, 2025 will be comprised of:

Industry Representatives

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce	Bob White
Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce	Sean McLaughlin
Englewood Chamber of Commerce	Jessica Souza
Tourist Development Council	Gary Butler
Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association	Donna Barrett
Economic Development Partnership	Lucienne Pears
Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte-North Port Association of Realtors	Cindy Marsh-Tichy
Charlotte County School Board	Mark Vianello
Charlotte County Airport Authority	Ray Laroche

Commission Appointees

6 members to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, with each Commissioner choosing one member and the board choosing one at-large member

District 1	Steve Viera
District 2	Lynne Matthews
District 3	Kathi Obendorfer
District 4	Richard Russell
District 5	Lawrence Yerger
At-Large	TBD