BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TAMPA, FLORIDA 33601

BOARD POLICY - SECTION NUMBER: 03.02.02.23

SUBJECT: FACT BASED DECISION MAKING

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 16, 1999

SUPERSEDES: NEW

<u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of this policy is to establish that Hillsborough County government

should incorporate the review of facts underlying an issue prior to making decisions. This pertains to decisions made both by staff and by the Board of County Commissioners. The facts used may include financial data, legal

precedents, engineering statistics and other forms of data.

Policy: It is the policy of the Board of County Commissioners that departments and

organizations engage in the collection and use of data in making decisions. Such a process will ensure the financial stability of the County is maintained, and County residents and businesses are well-served through effective decision-

making.

Responsibility: It is the responsibility of each department and organization to comply with this

policy.

Approved By: Board of County Commissioners

Approval Date: September 16, 1999