

Brangaccio in running for job in Pinellas

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Broward County's short-lived former administrator, Pam Brangaccio, is among several contenders to take the helm of Pinellas County's government operations.

According to the St. Petersburg Times, Brangaccio is among 53 candidates to replace ousted



County Administrator Steve Spratt.

Brangaccio's rocky tenure at the helm of Broward County government ended in October 2007 just 16 months after it started, doomed by a lack of trust among her bosses on the County Commission.

Brangaccio received almost \$150,000 in severance pay when she left. She struggled to adapt to running the \$3.6 billion operation with 6,000 employees.

Although she delivered record budget cuts to pay for state-mandated property tax relief, she was plagued by management problems at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Her critics on the commission depicted the county's operations as adrift and complained they had not been given vital information before key votes.

According to the Times, Pinellas County's search consultant is scheduled to present eight to 10 names from among the candidates to county commissioners there next week. They will then decide who to interview and hire someone in September. The new administrator is expected to start in November.

Brangaccio's tenure is the second-shortest in Broward since voters approved the county charter in 1975.

Only Peter Korn, the first administrator, served less time, resigning weeks after being hired because he faced criminal charges relating to his previous job in New Jersey. None of the other five people who've held the job served less than three years.

Bertha Henry, Broward's deputy administrator, has filled in since Brangaccio's departure. The Broward County Commission is currently conducting a national search for a permanent replacement.

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