



FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Lakeland has a City Manager-Commission form of government. Lakeland's major operational activities are handled by a City Manager, who is appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

Under Lakeland's form of government, the five-member Board of Commissioners, (one of whom is elected as Mayor) are elected at large. The commissioners' duties are to set city policy through legislation and to supervise and evaluate the management of the city provided by the City Manager.

The Mayor's special responsibilities are to preside over Commission meetings, to appoint members of the Planning Commission, to sign BOC-approved documents, and to represent the City at official functions. The Mayor has an equal vote with the other commissioners in conducting city business without veto power.