

REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM APPOINTMENT BALLOT

Openings: **Three (3) full terms to expire 9/30/22 (City Residency Required)**

Applications: **One (1) Application**


PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes - Santos	Comm. Simmons	Mayor Poe	Comm. Johnson	Comm. Ward	Comm. Warren
Zachariah Chou (8/15/19-9/30/22) <i>* currently student member</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							




REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD


BOARD DETAILS




OVERVIEW



SIZE 9 Seats



TERM LENGTH 36



TERM LIMIT n/a

(Nine (9) Members; 3-Year Terms. Board recreated with the adoption of ordinance #960051 (March 10, 1997). The duties of the Regional Transit System Advisory Board shall be to advise the City Commission on all matters relating to public transit development in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County including 1) to develop and analyze policies concerning the operation of the regional transit system; 2) to develop approaches for financing the regional transit system on a long-term basis; 3) to review ridership, routes, rates and other related matters; 4) to consider questions referred to it by the City Commission. All recommendations must include City Manager or designee comments. And, to review all matters relating to the Regional Transit System that must be approved by the City Commission. The issues will then be sent to the City Commission with the recommendations of both the board and City Manager or designee.

Membership shall be composed of: Six (6) CITY RESIDENTS appointed by the City Commission and three (3) Residents of Alachua County appointed by the County Commission from among the following individual groups: (1) Regular user of the transit system; (2) Senior Citizen; (3) Person with a disability; (4) University of Florida student nominated from a list of at least three names submitted by the University of Florida Student Senate; (5) Chamber of Commerce Representative; (6) Major employer in the local area; (7) Environmental community; (8) Neighborhood/homeowners associations; (9) Student oriented housing developments; (10) Santa Fe Community College student; (11) Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Citizen Advisory Committee.



AGENDAS AND MINUTES ARE LOCATED

DETAILS

ORDINANCE

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BOARD ROSTER



ZACHARIAH S CHOU

1st Term Apr 04, 2019 - Sep 30, 2019

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Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Non Voting Student



MARTHA MILLER

2nd Term Nov 03, 2016 - Sep 30, 2019

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504 NW 37th Place
Gainesville, FL 32609

Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Regular User



THOMAS N BLACK

1st Term Apr 22, 2014 - May 31, 2020

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352-505-6469
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Appointing Authority Alachua County
Position Chair



CHRISTY HAVEN

1st Term Mar 01, 2019 - May 31, 2020

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11809 NE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32641

Appointing Authority County Commission



BARBARA H SCOTT

1st Term Apr 22, 2014 - May 31, 2020

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352-339-4073

Appointing Authority Alachua County



RICHARD D NELSON

1st Term Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

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Gainesville, FL 32609

Appointing Authority City Commission



ELIZABETH HAUCK

1st Term Apr 04, 2018 - Sep 30, 2022

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Appointing Authority City Commission



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Profile

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	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	

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Suite or Apt

Gainesville
 City

FL
 State

32612
 Postal Code

Ward

District 4

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 Primary Phone

Home: (954) 435-1612
 Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

Home

UF Housing and Residence
 Education
 Employer

Desk Assistant
 Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Regional Transit System Advisory Board: Submitted

PLEASE NOTE: You may only apply for two (2) City Advisory Boards/Committees each application cycle. A person may only be appointed to two (2) City Advisory Boards/Committees.

Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?

Yes No

If yes, please submit a detailed explanation of exemption.

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I was recently appointed to this board and look forward to continuing my time on it!

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

1 partial term

Upload a Resume

[Zachariah Chou Resume -
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Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender

Male

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Regional Transit System Advisory Board

Zachariah Chou

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of Florida Student Government | Presidential Candidate, Minority Party Leader, Senator

September 2016 – Present

- Worked to successfully bring free menstrual hygiene products to campus
- Successfully advocated for the restoration of UF's Korean Language Program as well as funding for eight additional mental health counselors
- Authored legislation to codify closed captioning regulations for Student Government-produced videos
- Spearheaded efforts to start the Facebook live-streaming of Senate meetings

The Independent Florida Alligator | Opinion Columnist, Staff Photographer

June 2016 – Present

- Writes a weekly watchdog opinion column on misfeasance and malfeasance within Student Government
- Captures front page photos of breaking news events and local politics

Bob Graham Center for Public Service | Multimedia Student Assistant

August 2017 – Present

- Serves as the center's photographer and videographer, covering guest lectures and other events
- Creates multimedia content by working in tandem with communications staff, helps manage the center's cross-platform social media
- Assists in the center's outreach and civic engagement efforts through tabling and voter registration

Model United Nations | Committee Assistant Director, Delegate

August 2012 – Present

- Successfully competed at various conferences across the country at the high school and university level
- Served for two years as an Assistant Director of the Press Corps Committee of GatorMUN, the largest high school Model UN conference in the southeast

East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference Team | Director of Marketing and Outreach

August 2018 – February 2019

- Served as one of three committee directors for the largest and oldest student conference for Asian Americans in the nation, bringing in over 700 participants this year
- Led a diverse team of students and young professionals that handled conference graphics, social media, multimedia, merchandise, press releases, and advertisements
- Directly worked with McDonald's PR agency to ensure a successful first-time partnership with the conference; ensured on-time delivery of high-quality photos and videos

SERVICE, AWARDS & HONORS

City of Gainesville 2019 | Regional Transit System Advisory Board

University of Florida 2019 | Truman Scholarship Nominee

Mensa Education & Research Foundation 2017 | Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship

USA World Schools Debate Invitational 2016 | Champion Team

National Journalism Quiz Bowl Fall 2015 | Champion Team

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Anticipated B.A in Political Science & B.S. in Journalism May 2020