# REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM APPOINTMENT BALLOT

Openings:

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

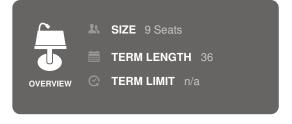
Applications: One (1) Application

# PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes - Santos	Comm. Simmons	Mayor Poe	Comm. Johnson	Comm. Ward	Comm. Warren
Zachariah Chou (8/15/19-9/3022) * currently student member		/	/	~			
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							

# REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

#### **BOARD DETAILS**



(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

ORDINANCE

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City of Gainesville

# REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

#### **BOARD ROSTER**



#### **ZACHARIAH S CHOU**

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

Email: zachariahchou@gmail.com Mobile: (954) 376-0228 Home: (954) 435-1612 Address:

34021201 Buckman Hall Gainesville, FL 32612

Appointing Authority City Commission Category Non Voting Student



#### **MARTHA MILLER**



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

(352) 328-0005 Address: 504 NW 37th Place Gainesville, FL 32609 Appointing Authority City Commission Category Regular User



### THOMAS N BLACK

703-501-1946

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

Email: redarrow77@msn.com 352-505-6469

Appointing Authority Alachua County **Position** Chair



## **CHRISTY HAVEN**

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

Email: gritsty@gmail.com Home: Address: 11809 NE 4th Avenue

Gainesville, FL 32641

Appointing Authority County Commission



#### **BARBARA H SCOTT**

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

Email: warthog2@sfcc.net 352-339-4073

Appointing Authority Alachua County



# **RICHARD D NELSON**

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

Email: rdnelson@ufl.edu Home: (904) 501-1582 Business: (352) 392-8565 Address:

2602 NE 11th Terr. Gainesville, FL 32609 Appointing Authority City Commission



### **ELIZABETH HAUCK**

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

Email: hauck.elizabeth.a@gmail.com Mobile: (352) 415-1222

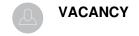
Business: (352) 294-1417 Address:

1023 NW 40th Ave 1023 NW 40th Ave Gainesville, FL 32609 Appointing Authority City Commission



# **VACANCY**

**Appointing Authority City Commission** 



Profile						
	Zachariah		S	Chou		
Prefix	First Name		Middle Initial	Last Name		Suffix
zachariah Email Address	chou@gmail.com					
	Buckman Hall					
Street Address					Suite or Apt	
Gainesvill City	е				FL State	
Ward					Otate	i ostal oodo
□ Distric	t 4					
Mobile: (9	54) 376-0228	Home: (95	54) 435-161	2		
	Phone Type	Allemate Frione				
Cell						
Alternate	Phone Type					
Home						
UF Housing Education	ng and Residence	Desk Assi	stant			
Which B	oards would you like	to apply for	?			
Regional	Transit System Advisory	Board: Subm	nitted			
	NOTE: You may only a person may only be ap			•		
Do you o	laim any exemption t	to public rec	ord disclo	sure pursua	ant to FLA. S	TAT. Section
c Yes c	No					
If yes, pl	ease submit a detaile	ed explanation	n of exem	ption.		

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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 RTS.pdf  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?
C Yes ⊙ No
Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?
⊙ Yes ○ No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Regional Transit System Advisory Board

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# **Zachariah Chou**

zachariahchou@gmail.com | (954) 376-0228 | @ TheChouster

#### 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