




Board Details

(5-members; 3-year terms) (appointed by City Commission) (Ordinance No. 3388). City Residency NOT Required.

The Fire Safety Board of Adjustment serves as an Appeals Board and to the greatest extent possible are qualified by training and experience in building construction and fire safety standards, and hereby authorized to hear appeals and to vary the application of any provision of the City of Gainesville Code when the City Code and the Building Code are in conflict.

This is an ad hoc board, it only meets when necessary.

Overview

 **Size** 5 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Additional

Advisory Board Website

Agendas and Minutes are located

upon request

Ordinance

Ord. No. 002251, § 1, 9-9-02; Ord. No. 130978, § 1, 9-18-14



City of Gainesville

Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

Board Roster



Mitchell McGahan

1st Term Apr 07, 2016 - Sep 30, 2017

Appointing Authority City Commission

Category Student Seat



Carl L. Osberg PE

10th Term Jan 21, 2016 - Nov 01, 2019

Appointing Authority City Commission

Category Engineer-Nfpa Certified



Robert L Baird

1st Term Sep 21, 2018 - Nov 01, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission



Mr James R Hutchison

1st Term Feb 20, 2020 - Nov 01, 2022



Andrew P Gray

1st Term Feb 20, 2020 - Nov 01, 2022



John A. Murdoch Pe

1st Term Dec 05, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Profile

View current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

Mr Robert L Baird
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Gainesville FL 32608
City State Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> *

I do not live in Gainesville

Mobile: (352) 682-4265 Business: (352) 594-3720
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

Office

UF Health Shands Hospital Director of Facility Operations
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fire Safety Board of Adjustment: 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.

Question applies to Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

The Fire Safety Board of Adjustment has 1 full term opening which ends on 11/1/2022. City Residency Not Required

Question applies to Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

The Fire Safety Board of Adjustment is an *ad hoc* board, only meeting when necessary. Applicants should to the greatest extent possible be qualified by training and experience in building construction and fire safety standards.

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

Yes No

Review the text of FLA. STAT. Section 119 [HERE](#).

If yes, it is required that you submit a detailed explanation of exemption. Upload additional documentation if necessary.

Consistent with Section 2-247 of the City Code, board and committee members can be removed from the board or committee for poor attendance.

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

Why are you interested in serving on the Fire Safety Board Adjustment?

I have extensive experience in institutional occupancy fire safety and operations since 1994. I wish to continue to offer my experience to the city that I work in to the benefit of the citizens.

Question applies to Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

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

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Members of all City of Gainesville Advisory Boards and Committees must only serve two (2) consecutive terms, except for the City Plan Board, Development Review Board and Historic Preservation Board. Members of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership must only serve three (3) terms.

Question applies to Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behavior or another reason?

Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

[Baird Resume 2021.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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?

Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

ROBERT L. BAIRD, JR., SASHE, CHFM, CHSP, CHC

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Senior level, results oriented, business professional with leadership experience and management skills in the following areas:

Strategic Planning
Operations Management
Team Building

Financial Analysis
Board Relations
Utility Management

Construction Management
Accomplished Speaker
Leadership

CAREER SUMMARY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HEALTH-SHANDS, Gainesville, FL

Aug 2013 to Present

Not-for-profit, Academic Medical Center, 1,100+ beds over 5 million sqft with 9,000 FTEs and \$100+M in net revenue

Director of Facility Operations

- Executive management of the facilities, biomedical (partial), and grounds department
- Six direct reports; report to VP of Facilities
- Responsible for regulatory compliance, and reporting, energy management and productivity improvements
- Successful implementation of wireless computerized maintenance management system (CMMS)

Accomplishments

- Implemented energy management team
- Reduced overall utility expenses by five percent over 18 months, continuous energy management
- Successful JCAHO, CMS and state inspections
- Changing culture of department utilizing CMMS data and employee engagement information
- Held FTE and operations budget neutral with significant number of new facilities added
- Support development team with construction planning and project turnover
- Submitted and passed legislation through AHCA to align state requirements with federal
- Modernized Building Operations Center to meet organizational requirements

HEALTH FIRST HEALTH SYSTEM, Rockledge, FL

Sept 2007 to July 2013

Not-for-profit 900 bed multiple hospital system with 6,500 FTE's and over \$1B in gross revenue. The flagship facility, 514 bed Holmes Regional Medical Center, is a Level II trauma center with extensive heart programs.

Matrix Director of Engineering and Construction

- Executive management of plant operations, project and property management; reported to COO
- Scope of authority across four hospitals and 80+ properties totaling over 3M square feet
- Responsible for regulatory compliance and reporting, strategic planning, and productivity monitoring
- Responsible for financial and operational analysis reporting for operations and capital projects
- Manage Environment of Care, safety, emergency preparedness and hazardous materials programs
- Serve as Safety Officer for system and conduct JCAHO style surveys for VHA

Accomplishments

- Completed successful integration of 120 physician practice and ten facilities into Health First
- Assumed responsibility of Senior Engineer and VP of Ancillary Services from Aug 2009 until July 2013
- Serve as Committee Chair for the Utilities, Biomedical and Life Safety Environment of Care Committees
- Increased Project Manager efficiency 10% by developing and implementing standard practices
- Reduced electrical consumption 3% over a three year period through lighting and chiller improvements
- Reduced natural gas consumption 4% and commodity price 9% from 2008 to 2012
- Negotiated a 14% reduction in oxygen expenses in 2008
- Reduced scheduled overtime 70% and unscheduled overtime 10%
- Awarded Gallup World Class Leader designation 2008 to 2011
- Successful in all Joint Commission, CAP, state and local surveys and inspections
- Serve as owner's representative for recently completed \$146M Viera Hospital construction

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- Completed and opened \$68M Palm Bay Hospital bed tower addition
- Implemented departmental integration resulting in increased efficiency and a reduction of FTE's

GASTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Gastonia, NC

Jan 2001 to Sept 2007

Not-for-profit, Caromont Health owned, 439 bed acute care hospital with 4,000 FTEs and \$48M in net revenue

Director of Facility Services

- Executive management of the facilities, biomedical, construction and grounds departments
- Nine direct reports; reported to VP of Ancillary Services
- Responsible for regulatory compliance, and reporting, capital planning, and productivity monitoring
- Provided financial analysis and reports for both general operations and capital projects

Accomplishments

- Reduced the operational landscape expense for the 80 acre property 17%
- Coordinated and directed over \$6M of capital/construction projects annually
- Successfully delivered a \$100M multi-year expansion of Women's Center and parking structure
- Evaluated and upgraded facility to meet current requirements of local AHJs
- Implemented multiple year energy reduction program with both reduction of usage and unit cost
- Reduced boiler operational costs 23% through installation of first hospital electrode boiler in NC

TRIDENT MEDICAL CENTER, Charleston, SC

Mar 1994 to Jan 2001

For-profit, HCA owned, two hospital system with 390 beds, 1,500 FTEs and \$223M in net revenue

Director of Plant Operations

Oct 1995 to Jan 2001

- Administrative management of Biomedical Engineering, Plant Engineering, Security, and Telecommunications
- Seven direct reports with 45 FTEs; reported to Facility COO
- Interim Director of Environmental Services department for nine months
- Developed, implemented and managed all construction and renovation projects
- Conducted MSDS, OSHA, fire and electrical safety orientation for all new associates

Accomplishments

- Chaired Environment of Care Committee and served as system Safety Officer
- Managed Plant Operations at HealthSouth facility producing revenue for system
- Delivered lower natural gas commodity pricing through regional purchasing agreement

Assistant Director of Plant Operations

Mar 1994 to Oct 1995

- Managed daily work program for 12 technicians; reported to Director of Plant Operations

Accomplishments

- Created, implemented and monitored preventative maintenance program
- Coordinated vendor services to minimize down time and patient care disruption
- Established minimum performance standards for contractors and service vendors

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC

June 1992 to Dec 1993

Accredited engineering and research university

Research and Teaching Assistant

- Conducted bio-chemistry and metallurgy testing for multiple professors
- Taught lab section computer programming classes to junior engineering students during senior year

JOSEPH EQUIPMENT COMPANY, Myrtle Beach, SC

Jan 1985 to May 1989

Firm conducting sales, design, installation and maintenance of restaurant equipment

General Manager

- Managed sales daily operations with staff of nine associates
- Performed all business development activities
 - Increased annual net revenue from \$0.75M to \$2.1M

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EDUCATION, TRAINING AND AFFILIATIONS

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 1993

SASHE, Senior, American Society of Healthcare Engineers, 2018

CHFM, Certified Health Facility Manager, American Society of Healthcare Engineers, 2004-present

CHSP, Certified Healthcare Safety Professional, 2016-present

CHC, Certified Healthcare Constructor, 2017-present

CHE, Certified Healthcare Engineer, Florida Healthcare Engineers Association

Appointee, City of Gainesville Fire Safety Board of Adjustment, 2018-2021

Engineer of the Year, Florida Healthcare Engineers Association, District II & state, 2018

State President, Florida Healthcare Engineers Association, 2021

District President, Florida Healthcare Engineers Association, District II, 2016

Codes & Standards Chair, Florida Healthcare Engineering Association, 2017-2020

President, South Carolina Society of Healthcare Engineers, 1998

Certified Life Safety Code Specialist, Iowa State University, 1998

GE Lighting Institute, Energy efficiency and lighting school, 2002

BEI, Boiler and chiller efficiency schools, 1997

EC Summit, Environment of Care training, 2006

Member, American Society of Hospital Engineers and Florida Hospital Engineers Association 1994-present

Board of Directors, Room at the Inn, providing no-fee services to women in crisis pregnancy, 2006-2007

Troop Committee, Boy Scouts of America, 2005-2013

Pi Tau Sigma, Mechanical Engineering Honor Fraternity, member since 1990

Speaker, Healthcare engineering conferences, AHCA, FHEA, ASHRAE, US Department of Energy

Author, several national articles

Volunteer, Florida State Parks, Silver River State Park, River Patrol, 2017-2020