

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 18, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Commission

**FROM:** Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director  
Alachua County Library District *Shaney*

**SUBJECT:** Nominations – Library District Board of Trustees

**BACKGROUND:**

The Library District's Board of Trustees consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Library District Governing Board. Three (3) of the seven members are City of Gainesville representatives, three (3) are Alachua County representatives, and one (1) is a representative of the Alachua County League of Cities. The term of City Representative Dr. Bessie Jackson expires on March 31, 2021.

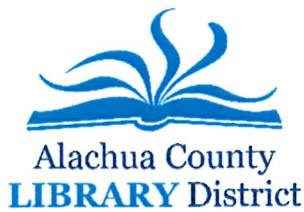
The Library District advertised one City of Gainesville vacancy and one Alachua County vacancy from January 4, 2021 – February 5, 2021. One application for the City of Gainesville position was received.

The application and a list of the current members of the Board of Trustees are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Commission nominate the applicant for consideration of appointment by the Library District Governing Board.

Attachments



## ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES April 2020 – March 2021

NAME / ADDRESS	PHONE / EMAIL	TERM
<b>Larry McDaniel, Chair</b> 17209 NE 72 <sup>nd</sup> Place Hawthorne, FL 32640	(352) 519-8755 (cell) <a href="mailto:lmcde8@yahoo.com">lmcde8@yahoo.com</a>	December 19, 2018 – March 31, 2021 (Alachua County Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Kim Worley, Vice Chair</b> P.O. Box 546 Waldo, FL 32640	468-1001 (bus) 258-6921 (cell) <a href="mailto:kim@waldo-fl.com">kim@waldo-fl.com</a>	April 15, 2020 – March 31, 2023 (Alachua County League of Cities Representative) [2 <sup>nd</sup> Term]
<b>Scherwin L. Henry</b> 2336 NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Gainesville, FL 32641	377-5235 (res) 214-3316 (cell) <a href="mailto:scherwin@yahoo.com">scherwin@yahoo.com</a>	May 15, 2019 – March 31, 2022 (Alachua County Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Dr. Bessie G. Jackson</b> 6012 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> Drive Gainesville, FL 32653	384-3949(res) <a href="mailto:bessiegautier@yahoo.com">bessiegautier@yahoo.com</a>	April 18, 2018 – March 31, 2021 (City of Gainesville Representative) [2 <sup>nd</sup> Term]
<b>Linda Y. Jackson</b> 6116 SW 91 <sup>st</sup> Street Gainesville, FL 32608	372-7972 (res) 443-9080 (bus) <a href="mailto:lyjackson@bellsouth.net">lyjackson@bellsouth.net</a>	April 15, 2020 – March 31, 2023 (City of Gainesville Representative) [2 <sup>nd</sup> Term]
<b>Ralph W. Rice</b> 4414 NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Place Gainesville, FL 32605	381-1952 (res) (417) 379-2192 (cell) <a href="mailto:riceral@yahoo.com">riceral@yahoo.com</a>	May 20, 2020 – March 31, 2023 (Alachua County Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Dr. Sharlynn Sweeney</b> 2201 NE 6 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Gainesville, FL 32609	336-5149 (cell) 392-2424 (bus) <a href="mailto:sharlynndawn@gmail.com">sharlynndawn@gmail.com</a>	April 17, 2019 – March 31, 2022 (City of Gainesville Representative) [2 <sup>nd</sup> Term]

STAFF	Phone
Alachua County Library District Headquarters - Gainesville 401 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601	(352) 334-3910 (bus)
Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director	
Devonia L. Andrew, Assistant to Library Director	

Ester S. Tibbs  
4215 NW 53rd Street  
Gainesville, FL 32606

Board of Governors  
Alachua County Library District  
401 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601-5453

Dear Governors,

Attached is my application for membership on the Library Board of Trustees. I am interested in serving on the board because I believe the libraries provide a critical service to the citizens of our community. I am pleased with the library's commitment to serve all sectors of the community and to provide a wide variety of programming.

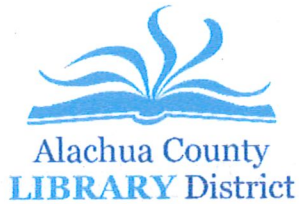
I hope that after reviewing my application you will find that I bring the skills and experiences that will allow me to make a contribution to the library's continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ester', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ester S. Tibbs





**Alachua County Library District Administration**

401 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601-5453  
352-334-3910 | FAX 352-334-3918  
[www.aclib.us](http://www.aclib.us)

Return this application to:

Alachua County Library District  
Administration Office  
401 E University Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601-5453  
(352) 334-3910  
TDD (352) 334-3904

Please specify which entity you wish to be appointed to represent (check one of the following):

City of Gainesville:  Alachua County:  \*League of Cities: N/A

Do you reside within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gainesville? Yes \_\_\_ No   
If yes, would you like to also be considered for the Alachua County vacancy? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you reside within Alachua County? Yes  No \_\_\_

Name: (Last, First, Middle) Tibbs, Ester S.

Address: 4215 NW 53 st

City: Gainesville State: Florida

Zip Code: 32606

Telephone: (Home) 375-7716 (Business) \_\_\_

Email address: tibbs4215@gmail

Occupation/Position: Retired

Employer: State of Florida - DCF

Address of Employer: \_\_\_

City: \_\_\_ State: Florida

Zip Code \_\_\_

Training/experience:

See attached

What contributions do you feel you could make to the Board of Trustees if you are selected?

See attached

\*The Alachua County League of Cities (ACLOC) is made up of elected representatives from each municipality in Alachua County. An ACLOC appointee was added to the Board of Trustees primarily to ensure a voice for the small municipalities in Alachua County.

Alachua County Library District  
Board of Trustees Application  
Ester S. Tibbs -Attachment

## Training/Experience

As stated later in this application, I have served on a number of boards in the community as board chair and as a committee chair. I understand the board's role versus the role of staff and the CEO. Additionally, I worked closely with Sol Hirsch in the development of the Library Partnership and gained a totally new perspective on the role of the Library in our community. .

As a past administrator with the Department of Children and Families I gained an understanding of the needs of families in our community and the importance of developing partnerships to better serve constituents. I also participated in numerous trainings to improve my management skills and helped develop policies and procedures to improve our service delivery system. I was responsible for over 1400 employees and a budget to provide services in 16 counties. As such, I have experience in Strategic Planning, budget management, and responding to constituent concerns.

What contributions do you feel you could make to the Board of Trustees if you are selected?

My administrative background and board and committee service allows me to make meaningful contributions as a board member and volunteer. Most of my 35 years of service with DCF was spent in a management capacity. As such, I am very comfortable reviewing policies and asking questions to help the organization develop policies to address the intended subject. I understand the legislative budget process and human relation issues.

## Civic/Professional Organizations

### Current Involvements:

- Partnership for Strong Families – Board Chair
- Community Foundation of North Central Florida–Board member and Needs Committee chair
- Altrusa of Gainesville – Member and Chair of Literacy Committee
- Gainesville Women's Forum – Member and Past President
- Girl Scouts Women Who Make A Difference Committee- Member & Past Chair
- Women's Giving Circle- Charter member and past chair
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Finer Foundation- Board member

### Past Involvements:

- Shands Hospital- Board Member and Quality Committee chair
- Oak Hammock - Board member and IL Strategic Planning Committee chair
- Friends of Children- Vice Chair
- United Way –Board Chair, Member o Community Investment Team
- Take Stock in Children – mentor
- Reading Pals- reader
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority- member
- Alachua County Children's Services Advisory Board