

**Board Details**

Assure citizens and elected officials that funds approved through the referendum are expended only to: a. Acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and, b. Create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities as permitted by Florida Statutes, the referendum ballot language, and ordinances. c. Notwithstanding the above, Alachua County may utilize a portion of its proceeds to establish a fund for the purpose of providing matching grants to the municipalities within the County for projects that meet the requirements of subsections (a) or (b), and which, in the sole discretion of Alachua County, have countywide significance. The committee has three basic responsibilities: 1. Track overall expenditure of one-half percent sales tax revenues. 2. Report annually, or as necessary, to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and each City Commission on expenditure of funds. 3. If it is the opinion of the Advisory Committee that funds may have been misappropriated, they have the right to audit, immediately bring their findings to the municipality and the Board of County Commissioners and demand repayment with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

(5- voting members; 3-alternate members; 4- year terms) All members must be residents of Alachua County. Two (2) of the members plus one (1) alternate will be appointed by the County, two (2) of the members plus one (1) alternate shall reside within the Gainesville city limits and will be appointed by the City of Gainesville, and one (1) of the members plus one (1) alternate will be recommended by the eight remaining incorporated cities and appointed by the County. Members may not be county or municipal elected officials or employees Created by Resolution 17-36 (Alachua County) March 28, 2017

The Citizen Oversight Committee was created to ensure that Wild Spaces Public Places infrastructure surtax revenues are expended consistent with the ballot language approved by the voters.

Overview

 **Size** 8 Seats

 **Term Length** 4 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Additional**Advisory Board Website**

<http://advisoryboards.alachuacounty.us/boards/info.aspx>

Agendas and Minutes are located

<http://advisoryboards.alachuacounty.us/boards/agendas.aspx?id=53>

Ordinance

Resolution 17-36 Alachua County



City of Gainesville

Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

Board Roster



Carla S Miles

1st Term Oct 01, 2017 - Sep 30, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission

Position Chair

Category City Appointee



Joni Ellis

1st Term Jul 23, 2017 - Sep 30, 2021

Appointing Authority County Commission

Category County Appointee



Wade Dudley

1st Term Jul 23, 2017 - Sep 30, 2021

Appointing Authority Incorporated Cities

Category Incorporated City Appointee



Jane Luzar

1st Term Oct 08, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

Appointing Authority BOCC

Position Alternate

Category County Appointee



BJ Bakuta

1st Term Oct 08, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

Appointing Authority BOCC

Category County Appointee



Gary Kocher

1st Term Jul 23, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

Appointing Authority County Commission

Category Incorporated City Appointee



David J Ruiz

2nd Term Oct 03, 2019 - Sep 30, 2023

Appointing Authority City Commission

Category City Appointee



Vacancy

Position Alternate

Category City Appointee

Profile

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

Prefix Benjamin Middle Initial C Last Name Fox Suffix

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

State

[Redacted]

Postal Code

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

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

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

Office

Santa Fe College Police Department

Employer

Office Supervisor

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Public Recreation and Parks Board: Submitted

Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee: 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, only one can be a quasi-judicial board.

Question applies to multiple boards

STUDENT BOARD SEATS, terms ending 9/30/2022

City Residency Required

- Gainesville Human Rights Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board
- Student Community Relations Advisory Board

City Residency NOT Required

- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- City Beautification Board
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Public Recreation and Parks Board
- Tree Advisory Board

Question applies to Public Recreation and Parks Board

The Public Recreation and Parks Board has 2 partial terms, 1 ending 6/1/2022 and 1 ending 6/1/2023. Also, PRPB has 1 STUDENT SEAT term ending 9/30/2022. City Residency Not Required

Question applies to Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

The Wild Spaces Public Places Citizens' Oversight Committee has an opening for an **ALTERNATE** full term ending 9/30/2025. City Residency required

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.

State Statutes indicate the following exemption "2.a.The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution." I am a current active civilian employee of the Santa Fe College Police Department and claim the aforementioned exemption.

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 Public Recreation and Parks Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Public Recreation and Parks Board?

I love being outdoors and believe that having parks and recreational places for individuals and families to enjoy is essential to their mental health. It is easy to overlook these areas and favor more construction of revenue generating spaces, but we cannot sacrifice these areas in the pursuit of money.

Question applies to Public Recreation and Parks Board

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

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Question applies to Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

Why are you interested in serving on the Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee?

Having places for individuals and families to go to enjoy nature and each other's company is something I believe wholeheartedly in. These areas can provide places for youth to go and enjoy with friends with lowers the likelihood of them engaging in criminal activity. Nature has a way of refreshing a person's mindset and is beneficial to mental health.

Question applies to Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

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

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Question applies to Public Recreation and Parks Board

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)

[Resume_2021.docx](#)

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?

Benjamin Fox

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Objective

To obtain acceptance into graduate school at the University of Florida

Education

MASTER OF ARTS | 05/2020 | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- Major: Educational Leadership

BACHELOR OF ARTS | 05/2018 | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- Major: Elementary Education

ASSOCIATES OF ARTS | 06/2016 | SANTA FE COLLEGE

- Major: Elementary Education

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER CERTIFICATE | 11/2012 | FLORIDA KEYS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Skills & Abilities

MANAGEMENT/LEADERSHIP

- I have held management positions in various companies and have always achieved excellent cooperation among my employees.
- In various former employment positions, I have exhibited the ability to lead groups of employees and have continually worked to create a cohesive team.

COMMUNICATION

- Through my education and work experience, I have acquired outstanding communication skills, both oral and written.

Relevant Work Experience

OFFICE SUPERVISOR | SANTA FE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT | 1/2018-PRESENT

- Responsible for supervising all police department civilian staff including police dispatchers, work student students, and part time Tempforce employees. Complete payroll bimonthly, create schedules for employees, handle all department public records requests, manage case evidence, conduct background investigations, purchase new equipment, handle police department budget, and compile crime statistics for reporting to the FBI.

POLICE DISPATCHER | SANTA FE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT | 08/2015-12/31/2017

- Responsible for maintaining accurate CAD records, gathering and relaying pertinent information related to calls for service, maintain NCIC/FCIC certification and run requested information accurately, maintain lost and found log for the college, enter parking tickets and traffic warnings, issue college employees keys and parking decals, train new dispatch employees.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER | MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | 08/2012-05/2015

- I was the 'Acting Supervisor' for my last year in the dispatch center. My duties included: training new dispatchers, answering 911 and non-emergency calls, obtaining accurate information quickly while keeping the callers calm; informing responding deputies of information pertinent to suspect's description and any weapons on scene; calling surrounding agencies for mutual aid backup requests, running driver licenses and checking for warrants for all subjects interacting with deputies; dispatching paramedics and fire fighters to calls while giving directions to caller on how to care for subject until the arrival of aid.

Awards

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER | SANTA FE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT | MAR-JUN 2017

LIFE SAVING AWARD | SANTA FE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT | 2017

DEAN'S LIST | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA | FALL 2016