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**Alachua County Library District
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February 12, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director
Alachua County Library District
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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 representative, 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, 2018.

The Library District advertised one City of Gainesville vacancy and one Alachua County from January 9, 2018 – February 9, 2018. Two applications for the City of Gainesville position were received.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Attachments



ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES April 2017 – March 2018

NAME / ADDRESS	PHONE / EMAIL	TERM
Bessie G. Jackson, Ph.D., Chair (April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2018) 6012 NW 37 th Drive Gainesville, FL 32653	384-3949(res) bessiegautier@yahoo.com	April 15, 2015 – March 31, 2018 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 st Term]
Sharlynn Sweeney, Ph.D., Vice Chair 2201 NE 6 th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32609	336-5149 (res) 392-2424 (cell) sharlynndawn@gmail.com	May 12, 2016 – March 31, 2019 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 st Term]
Linda Y. Jackson 6116 SW 91 st Street Gainesville, FL 32608	372-7972 (res) 443-9080 (bus) lyjackson@bellsouth.net	April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2020 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 st Term]
Ermon Owens 1516 NE 156 th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32609	485-1897 (res) 538-9690 (cell) eowens21@yahoo.com	January 12, 2017 – March 31, 2018 (Alachua County Representative) [Filling Vacancy]
Dr. Peter G. Roode 1710 SW 98 th Street Gainesville, FL 32607	332-9473 (res) 514-1662 (bus) dr.roode@yahoo.com	April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2020 (Alachua County Representative) [1 st Term]
Susan H. Sonsini 4335 NW 10 th Place Gainesville, FL 32605	363-6189 (res) 284-5872 (cell) susansonsini@gmail.com	April 20, 2016 – March 31, 2019 (Alachua County Representative) [2 nd Term]
Kim Worley P.O. Box 546 Waldo, FL 32640	468-1001 (bus) 258-6921 (cell) kim@waldo-fl.com	April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2020 (Alachua County League of Cities Representative) [1 st 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	



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RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

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Administration Office
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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.

	Last	First	Middle
NAME:	Jackson	Bessie	Gautier
ADDRESS:	6012 NW 37th Drive		
CITY:	Gainesville,	Florida	ZIP CODE 32653
TELEPHONE:	384-3949 (Home)	(Business)	(Email address)

OCCUPATION/POSITION:	Retired School Administrator		
EMPLOYER:	School Board of Alachua County		
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER:	620 E. University Avenue		
CITY:	Gainesville	Florida	ZIP CODE 32601

Training/experience:

I hold a Masters degree in Library Science. This degree enables me to have a knowledge of libraries and can contribute to development and service in our community.

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

My years as a school librarian and as an administrator; I can advocate for the support the library needs to function at its highest level for our service area.

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TDD (352) 334-3904

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	Date of Graduation	Degree
College/Higher Education	2004	Ph.D.
	1979	MLS
High School	1965	Diploma

CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(include participation in previous boards and committees)

Alachua County Library District Board of Trustees
Santa Fe College Board of Trustees
Neighborhood Advisory Board to the Gainesville City Commission
United Way of Alachua County Allocation Panel

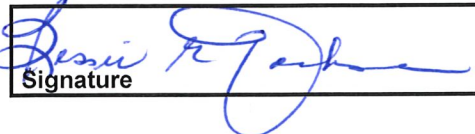
REFERENCES

NAME	PHONE	BUSINESS/ OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Leannetta McNealy	(352) 219-3898	School Board Member	1266 SE 12th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32641
Venisha Buchanan	(352) 338-1881	Forensic Director	8028 NW 16th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601
Leon Caffie	(352) 284-1633	Retired Military	1321 SE 1st Terrace Gainesville, FL 32601

If you have any additional information, such as a resume, please attach.

Are you willing to attend meetings in accordance with the bylaws of the Board of Trustees (see the attached Board of Trustees Bylaws and Board of Trustees Position Description)? Yes No.

According to the State of Florida, Commission on Ethics, persons appointed to this board will need to fill out a Financial Disclosure Statement. Would you be willing to file the required financial statement? Yes No. If you have any questions about this law, please call the Administration Office of the Alachua County Library District at 352/334-3910.

Signature 	Date <u>January 16, 2018</u>
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Dr. Bessie G. Jackson

6012 NW 37th Drive
Gainesville, Florida 32653

Home Telephone: (352) 384-3949
Email: beautifuljewel1@hotmail.com

Education

- Ph.D. Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2004
Major Study: Educational Leadership and Human Services
Dissertation: *The Effect of the Principal's Leadership Style on the Level of Technology Implementation and Integration in PreK-12 Schools*
- Ed.S. Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1994
Major Study: Educational Leadership
Practicum: *Minority Male Drop-out Prevention Programs in Secondary Schools*
- M.L.S. Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1979
Degree: Masters of Library Science
- B.S. Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1973
Major Study: Library Science
Minor: English
- Diploma: Lincoln High School, Tallahassee, Florida, Honor graduate, 1965

Professional Employment

- 2012 – Present Student Hearing Officer
School Board of Alachua County
Gainesville, Florida
- 2000 – 2011 Assistant Principal for Administration, Gainesville High School
School Board of Alachua County
Gainesville, Florida
- 1997 – 2000 Assistant Principal, Spring Hill Middle School
School Board of Alachua County
Gainesville, Florida
- 1974 – 1997 Librarian/Media Specialist
Gainesville, Florida
1983 – 1997 Santa Fe High school, School Board of Alachua County

1976 – 1983 Mebane Middle School, School Board of Alachua County
1975 – 1976 Gainesville Public Library, Gainesville, Florida
1974 – 1975 Newberry Elementary School, School Board of Alachua County

Professional and Community Activities

Alachua County Library District Board of Trustees, 2015 - 2018.

District Board of Trustees, Santa Fe Community College, (Term 1) 2000 – 2004, (Term 2) 2005 – 2009, (Term 3) 2009 - 2013. Served as Board Chair 2004-2005 and 2010 - 2011.

Gainesville Woman's Club, 2011 – present.

Executive Board Officer, Gainesville Focus On Leadership, 1992 – 1996.

President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Gainesville Alumnae Chapter, 1994 – 1997.

Neighborhood Advisory Board to the Gainesville City Commission, 1994 – 1995.

United Way of Alachua County Allocation Panel Member, 1993, 1994, and 1995.

“Young Women on the Rise” *Gainesville Sun* Newspaper Mentoring Program Coordinator, 1992 – 1995.

President, PALMS (Professional Association for Library Media Specialists), 1989 – 1990.

Church Clerk and President of Deaconess Board, Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Professional Development Activities:

Endorsement in Reading (2007)

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) Facilitator (Certified in 2005)

Publication

Jackson, Bessie G. “The Effect of the Principal’s Leadership Style on the Level of Technology Implementation and Integration in PreK-12 Schools.” *JABSE - Journal of the Alliance of Black School Educators*. Volume 6, Number 1, Winter 2007: 85-104.

Sandra L. Russo

3949 NW 46th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32606 | 352-371-0743 | srusso@ufic.ufl.edu

February 1, 2018

Alachua County Library District
Administration Office
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Dear Alachua County Library Administration:

Attached please find a completed form in application for a position on the Board of Trustees. As a soon-to-be-retired University of Florida employee, I envision having far more time to devote to volunteer activities. Years ago, I was a volunteer at the Millhopper branch, shelving books. For eight years, I served on the Board for Planned Parenthood. I have served as well on several advisory councils and boards for units and centers within UF and nationally. I bring an enthusiasm for reading, libraries, and experience in proposal writing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Sandra L. Russo, Ph.D.



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Do you reside within Alachua County? Yes No.

	Last	First	Middle
NAME:	RUSO	SANDRA	L.
ADDRESS:	3949 NW 46 th AVENUE		
CITY:	GAINESVILLE	Florida	ZIP CODE 32606
TELEPHONE:	352-334-0743 (Home) 665-9144 (Business) 273-1533 (Email address) SRUSO@U.FIC.UFL.EDU		

OCCUPATION/POSITION:	DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL CENTER		
EMPLOYER:	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA		
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER:	170 HUB, BOX 113225		
CITY:	GAINESVILLE	Florida	ZIP CODE 32611

Training/experience:

ACADEMIC, PROFESSOR, TEACHER, RESEARCHER

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

A PASSION FOR READING AND THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES.
LOTS OF GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE, BOARD EXPERIENCE,
AND WILLINGNESS TO LEARN

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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	Penn State - 1976	MS
High School	1966	

CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(include participation in previous boards and committees)

8 YRS PLANNED PARENTHOOD BOARD
3 YRS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD (CITY)
WOMEN BUILD - HABITAT

REFERENCES

NAME	PHONE	BUSINESS/ OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
LISETTE STAAL	352-278-2036	COORDINATOR	3012 NW 23rd Terrace GNV 32605
BECKY WILLIAMS	352-226-6368	RESEARCHER	536 NW 2nd St. GNV 32601
SARAH MCKUNE	352-328-0615	RESEARCHER	319 NE 6th St GNV 32601

If you have any additional information, such as a resume, please attach.

Are you willing to attend meetings in accordance with the bylaws of the Board of Trustees (see the attached Board of Trustees Bylaws and Board of Trustees Position Description)? Yes No.

Signature <i>Sandra Russ</i>	Date 2.6.18
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