

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT

Openings: **Two (2) openings for full terms ending 3/3/2026**
City Residency NOT Required

Applications: Four (4) Applications

PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Duncan-Walker	Comm. Ward	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes-Santos	Comm. Chestnut	Comm. Saco	Mayor Poe
Sirikul Blumberg							
Kevin Mott							
John Paul							
Jonathan Stephens							
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 5/5 CCOM MEETING



City of Gainesville Utility Advisory Board

Board Details

(7-members; 4-year terms) (Initial terms: three (3) two-year terms to expire March 3, 2018 and four (4) four-year terms to expire March 3, 2020.) All voting members permanent residence shall be within the utility service area and receive utility service. A minimum of one voting member shall reside outside the Gainesville city limits. Applicants with any of the following types of experience are encouraged to apply for a voting member seat:

- (1) experience as a utility demand customer;
- (2) experience as a utility service provider
- (3) investment banking, financial or certified public accounting experience;
- (4) experience in energy and water conservation
- (5) experience with business, contract or corporate law experience, or contract administration or;
- (6) engineering experience


The City Commission may appoint voting members with any qualifications or experience the City Commission deems relevant or beneficial to service on the utility board.

Non-Voting Members. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the Alachua County School Board may each appoint one non-voting member to the utility board, subject to the approval of the city commission. Non-voting members shall have the same rights and privileges as voting members, except non-voting members shall not make motions or vote on motions under consideration.

Created by Ordinance 140384 (November 19, 2015); amended by Ordinance 170808 (August 2, 2018)

The Utility Advisory Board is hereby created as an advisory board to advise and make recommendations to the City Commission regarding all matters of utility governance of the city's electric, gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater utilities.

Overview

 **Size** 7 Seats

 **Term Length** 4 Years

 **Term Limit** 3 Terms

Additional

Advisory Board Website

<https://www.gru.com/AboutGRU/OurLeaders/UtilityAdvisoryBoard.aspx>

Agendas and Minutes are located

<https://gainesville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Ordinance

Ord. No. 170808 , § 1, 8-2-18



City of Gainesville

Utility Advisory Board

Board Roster



Wes Wheeler

1st Term Mar 03, 2018 - Mar 03, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Jason C Fults

1st Term Feb 20, 2020 - Mar 03, 2024



Dr. Fletcher S. Crowe III

1st Term Feb 20, 2020 - Mar 03, 2024



Carla S Miles

2nd Term Sep 17, 2020 - Mar 04, 2024

Appointing Authority City Commission



Tim A Rockwell

2nd Term Sep 17, 2020 - Mar 04, 2024

Appointing Authority City Commission



Theresa Spurling-Wood

2nd Term Mar 04, 2022 - Mar 03, 2026

Position Non-Voting Member

Category School Board Appointee



Daniel Morse

1st Term Mar 17, 2022 - Mar 03, 2026

Appointing Authority County Commission

Position Non-Voting Member

Category County Appointee



Mr Charles D Covey Iii

1st Term Mar 03, 2022 - Mar 03, 2026



Barry Jacobson

2nd Term Feb 24, 2022 - Mar 04, 2026

Appointing Authority City Commission



Vacancy

Profile

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Utility Advisory Board: Submitted

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STUDENT BOARD SEATS, terms ending 9/30/2022

City Residency Required

- Regional Transit System Advisory Board

City Residency NOT Required

- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Nature Centers Commission

Question applies to Utility Advisory Board

Do you have any of the following experience? (you may select more than one) *

☒ none of the above

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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](#).

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Interests & Experiences

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Why are you interested in serving on the Utility Advisory Board?

I want to be involved in the community and work to ensure GRU makes decisions that help keep utilities affordable for everyone that is served by GRU. Being a voice for minorities in the community to improve life in our community.

Members of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership must only serve three (3) terms per statute.

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)

[Siri Blumberg Resume_20211205.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Asian or Pacific islander

Gender

☒ Female

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?

SIRIKUL BLUMBERG

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

CONTACT



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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/siri-blumberg-mba-5009004b/>

EDUCATION

MBA || HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION

Saint Leo || Saint Leo, FL || Completed 2017

BACHELOR || GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Bansomdejchowpraya Rajabhat University ||
Thailand || Completed 2001

SKILLS

➤ PROFESSIONAL

- Accounting Capability
- Account Management
- Business Management
- Client Needs Assessment
- Customer Service Specialist
- Developing Educational Presentations
- Health Care Industry Experience
- Human Resource Management
- Previously Certified as CNA/PCA
- Project Coordination
- Special Event Planning
- Time Management

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Experienced multi-lingual management professional with ten plus years of experience working in Thailand and twelve years in the US. Twelve years working specifically within UF Health. Direct experience working with diverse groups within multiple settings at UF Health and Santa Fe College. Seeking new opportunities to apply my Healthcare Management Concentration MBA where I can improve the healthcare system and contribute to my professional growth.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT COORDINATOR

UF Health Information Technology || Gainesville, FL || April 2019 – Present

Assisting the Technical Services IT director for all projects within the department. Providing information and collaborating/communicating with managers, eighty plus team members and other team coordinators across UF Health in order to complete team goals. Experienced with tracking expenses for projects and p-cards. Processed employee evaluations surveys. Assisted in interviewing candidates for employment.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

Santa Fe College || Gainesville, FL || 2013 – Present

Developing courses in order to improve peoples' lives in our community by teaching, leading, and advising diverse groups of people in the community as a community education instructor, classes taught include

- Meditation for beginners
- Origami creations
- Fruit and vegetable carving for beginners
- Thai for travelers

FINANCIAL SPECIALIST

UF Health Physicians || Gainesville, FL || 2015 – April 2019

Deliver excellent patient centered service in a medical office at UF health psychiatry adult out patient care clinic

- Reviewing and collecting co-payment, pre-payment, and other payments
- Entering charges and contacting billing department regarding any issues
- Processing referrals and scheduling patient appointments

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital || Gainesville || 2011 – 2015

Assisting with or independently providing direct patient care to psychiatric patients in diverse age groups (Seniors, adults, children, and adolescent patients)

- Monitoring patients' vital signs
- Assisting with routine activity for bed-rest patients
- Conduct group activities for all age groups

SIRIKUL BLUMBERG

SKILLS

➤ TECHNICAL

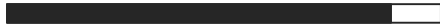
EPIC Software



MacOS Software



Microsoft Office Suite



Office Equipment



People Soft



Photography



Planning



AWARDS

VISTA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL
OUTSTANDING SERVICE

UF Health || 2012

CERTIFICATE OF FACILITOR OF
EXCELLENCE

UF Health || 2011

LANGUAGES

- English
- Laos
- Thai

VOLUNTEER

- PALS Thrive program at UF health, University of Florida Health 2017 to 2019
- Life South, Gainesville, FL blood donor since 2008 with 22 pints donated

EXPERIENCE CONTINUED ...

PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT

Surgery 75 Shands Hospital || Gainesville || 2009 – 2011

Assisting with or independently providing direct patient care before and post surgery

- Monitoring patients' vital signs
- Documenting and reporting the change of patients' status to providers
- Assisting patients with routine activities for bed-rest patients

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Ayer Medical Center || Gainesville || July 2008 – April 2009

Physician assistant in office setting under the responsibility of a licensed physician

- Monitoring patients' vital signs
- Documenting and reporting the change of patients' status to providers

PENOLOGIST

Department of Corrections || Nonthaburi, Thailand || 2004 – 2007

Responsible for receiving reports from prison officers from the Northeast part of Thailand prisons and analysis of data used to prepare for the annual Department of Corrections report. Visiting/seminars with prison officers in order to develop and improve correction laws

- Collecting and analyzing documentation
- Correcting documentation from prison officers and reporting to the chain of command

REFERENCES



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AVIS LITCHFIELD

JOB

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DAWN ALTMAN

JOB

UF Health

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ALTMAD@shands.ufl.edu



KIMBERLY TEITELBAUM

JOB

Private Practice

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kimteitelbaumnp@gmail.com

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Kevin R Mott

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Why are you interested in serving on the Utility Advisory Board?

I am a retired Foreman from PSEGLI in New York with 43 years in the industry. All too often managers of utilities don't see the big picture when it comes to providing the proper services to customers, both business and residential. A utility needs to provide reliable services in a safe and cost-effective manner to all its customers. My 43 years of service include 7 years in power plant maintenance, 2 years in transformer shop, 18 years as a lineman, and 16 years in underground lines. I have good people skills and am always open to new ideas when trying to solve a problem. I believe a voice of reason is needed when too many times groups focus on the small picture and are blind to the big picture, kind of like not seeing the forest because there are too many trees. I don't have a resume made at this time but if you are interested, I can cull through my 43 years of work history and provide one. Thank you for your time. KR Mott

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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)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Profile

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City

FL

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retired FPL & PacifiCorp

Employer

Manager-Engineering/Managing
Director Computers-
Telecommunications

Job Title

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Why are you interested in serving on the Utility Advisory Board?

With experience in both the Power and Telecommunications environments, I believe I can bring a different perspective to the committee and the commission.

I have kept current in both Telecom and power technology especially the clean energy transition (eg. solar/wind/Hydrogen electric generation, battery energy storage, as well as the transportation sector impact on the grid with the emergence of Electric Vehicles.

As an example, I performed much of the technical, financial and vendor selection for the 300kW solar system recently installed at our www.oakhammock.org retirement community.

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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)

[JohnPaulResume11.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

[EEL_FirstNet_recommendation.pdf](#)

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Other

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?



Jim Wasilewski
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue NW,
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Washington, DC 20230

Subject: Expression of Interest of John Paul in Appointment to the Board of Directors of
the First Responder Network Authority

Via Electronic Mail

Dear Mr. Wasilewski:

Pursuant to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Notice published in the Federal Register on May 10, 2012 (77 Fed. Reg. 27442) the Edison Electric Institute ("EEI") hereby proposes John Paul as a candidate to the Board of Directors of the First Responder Network Authority ("FirstNet"). EEI is an association of United States investor-owned electric utilities and industry associates worldwide. Its U.S. members serve almost 95 percent of all customers served by the shareholder-owned segment of the U.S. industry, about 70 percent of all electricity customers, and generate about 70 percent of the electricity delivered in the U.S. EEI submits that Mr. Paul is well qualified to serve on FirstNet's Board based on his utility related public safety, technical, network and financial expertise. In particular Mr. Paul has had extensive experience in building and restructuring utility telecommunications networks and in coordinating the recovery of critical telecommunications networks during emergencies. Mr. Paul's Resume is included as an attachment hereto.

In support of Mr. Paul's nomination EEI submits the following Statement of Qualifications:

Statement of Qualifications:

Name: John Paul
Address: 70 Parkside Aly, Dawsonville GA 30534
Telephone: (706) 216-6735
Email Address: jepaul2@aol.com

Criteria and Summary of Qualifications

Section 6204(b) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (“Spectrum Act”) requires that each FirstNet Board member appointed by the Secretary of Commerce shall have experience in the following areas: (1) public safety experience in the use of Federal, State, local, or tribal public safety or emergency response; (2) technical expertise and fluency regarding broadband communications, including public safety communications; (3) network expertise in building, deploying, and operating commercial telecommunications networks; and (4) financial expertise in financing and funding telecommunications networks.

Mr. Paul meets all of these criteria. He is a seasoned leader with 30 years of senior level management experience in computing and telecommunications engineering, infrastructure, and operations environments. He has demonstrated the ability to be a strong visionary leader that can develop strategic plans to align FirstNet's objectives and achieve results. Based on his experience in working for major investor-owned electric utilities in the Southeast and the Pacific Northwest, Mr. Paul offers substantial experience in both urban and rural environments. Finally, he would satisfy the other criteria (e.g. public safety experience, technical expertise, network expertise, and financial expertise) because he has extensive experience with public safety, as well as technical expertise, network expertise and financial expertise that he has acquired through my employment.

Technical and Network Expertise

Mr. Paul is currently an independent management consultant of computing and telecommunications. He has experience in directing engineering and operations staffs of 170+ in support of computing and telecommunications activities with an annual \$45 MM budget. He is a recognized Statistical Quality expert experienced in developing and managing process. Mr. Paul is experienced in start-up activities to successfully move initiatives from business case to operation, as well as in developing and organizing telecommunications functions including fiber optics, voice, data and radio activities. He also has a working knowledge of voice, WAN/LAN, fiber optics and radio technologies and a working knowledge of information systems development process and computer disciplines. Mr. Paul has had experience with communications networks in both rural and urban areas.

Previously, Mr. Paul served in various positions with PacifiCorp and Florida Power & Light (“FPL”). As Manager of Telecommunications at PacifiCorp he re-staffed the organization, developed a long range plan, rebuilt the voice and data networks and established management processes to meet client requirements. As VP Operations at ONCorp, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp he developed a business plan for the start-up of a cable company providing voice, data and TV service across 6 western states. As Managing Director IT Infrastructure – Telecommunications and Computing at PacifiCorp, Mr. Paul managed a staff of 170 in all aspects of the engineering and operations of computer and telecommunications infrastructure including mainframe and open systems with a combined \$45 MM annual operating/Capital budget. Mr. Paul’s direct reports were directors of telecommunications, enterprise computing systems, and network operations center.

As Manager of Telecommunications for twenty years at FPL, Mr. Paul managed a staff of over 100. Among other things he developed five-year telecommunications plans with customer focused operational indicators and implemented Disaster Plans to ensure network recoverability after events like Hurricane Andrew. He developed business case, engineered, and managed construction/maintenance for a 1000 mile network of fiber optics which saved over \$10 MM annually and commercialized the fiber network providing service to telephone carriers. Mr. Paul developed requirements, engineered, and managed installation/maintenance for a private Wide Area Network to 130 sites connecting 10,000 voice and data network devices. Most important for the purposes of FirstNet, Mr. Paul has extensive experience in coordinating and leading the efforts of FPL, public safety entities and telecommunications carriers to restore critical communications networks in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.

Public Safety Experience

As previously noted, in his capacity as Manager of Telecommunications for FPL, Mr. Paul engineered and maintained the state-wide radio infrastructure supporting 6000 radios and 7000 pagers as well as devices which monitored and controlled the electrical grid. This was the only communications system to survive in south Dade County after Hurricane Andrew and was recognized for providing essential services to governmental agencies during the restoration. Since FPL had the only towers which survived Hurricane Andrew Mr. Paul had to work closely with public safety entities and telecommunications carriers to assist them in arranging access to the necessary facilities so that they could bring their networks back online.

Financial Expertise

As an experience executive, Mr. Paul has over the years developed a strong base of financial expertise. At PaciCorp he managed a staff of 170. He led IT effort to incorporate IT Service Management (ITSM) and ITIL best practices. He also participated as a member of senior IT management in the implementation of COBIT and General Computer Controls to comply with Sox requirements. As Manager of Telecommunications at FPL, Mr. Paul Managed staff of over 100 which was benchmarked as a low cost provider by Real Decisions Corp. (Gartner) and was cited for "best practices" by Booze Allen for incorporating quality into the design and maintenance processes. He is recognized as a statistical quality expert and highlighted as a presenter to the Japanese auditors during the examination which culminated in the Deming Prize.

Conclusion

EEI submits that John Paul would be a good addition to the Board of the First Responder Network Authority. He has had significant working/management experience in the areas most critical to FirstNet—public safety, technical, network and financial. He is familiar with the planning and execution of network operations and maintenance of systems. Moreover, unlike most, he knows what it takes to build a network and then to restore it in an emergency. As a Board member Mr. Paul would prove to be a key asset in building the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. Therefore, EEI respectfully requests that Mr. Paul be appointed to the FirstNet Board.

EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE

/s/ David K. Owens

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Dated: May 25, 2012

Management Consultant for Computing and Telecommunications

- Experienced in directing engineering and operations staffs of 170+ in support of computing and telecommunications activities with an annual \$45 MM budget.
- Recognized Statistical Quality expert experienced in developing and managing process.
- Experienced in start-up activities to successfully move initiatives from business case to operation.
- Experienced in developing and organizing Telecommunications functions including fiber optics, voice, data and radio activities.
- Working knowledge of voice, WAN/LAN, fiber optics and radio technologies.
- Retired as XO of medical unit with the rank of Lt Col from US Army Reserve.
- Working knowledge of information systems development process and computer disciplines.

Employment

Managing Director-Infrastructure Services – PACIFICORP 2000 - 2006

Managed a staff of 170 in all aspects of the engineering and operations of computer and telecommunications infrastructure including mainframe and open systems with a combined \$45 MM annual operating/Capital budget.

- Led IT effort to incorporate IT Service Management (ITSM) and ITIL best practices.
- Participated a member of senior IT management in the implementation of COBIT and General Computer Controls to comply with Sox requirements.

VP-Operations- ONCorp (subsidiary of PacifiCorp) 2000-2001

- Developed business plan as part of team with McKinsey & Co presented to CEO for start-up of cable company providing voice, data and TV service across 6 western states
- Staffed Operations function and was building out infrastructure in 11 cities when Board of Directors decided not to pursue the opportunity.

Director of Telecommunications – PACIFICORP 1996 – 2000

Re-staffed the organization, developed a long range plan, rebuilt the voice and data networks and established management processes to meet client requirements.

Manager of Telecommunications – FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT 1975 – 1995

Managed staff of 100+ which was benchmarked as a low cost provider by Real Decisions Corp. (Gartner) and was cited for "best practices" by Booze Allen for incorporating quality into the design and maintenance processes.

- Recognized as a statistical quality expert and highlighted as a presenter to the Japanese auditors during the examination which culminated in the Deming Prize.
- Developed five-year Telecommunications plans with customer focused operational indicators and implemented Disaster Plans to ensure network recoverability after events like Hurricane Andrew.
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- Designed and oversaw the implementation of a network of ACDs for the Customer Services business unit.
- Designed and maintained a video conferencing network to reduce travel expenses.

Education, Training and Affiliations

BS Industrial and Systems Engineering – University of Florida

MBA – University of Miami

Public Utility Executive Program – University of Michigan

Training in Telecommunications; Six Sigma, Statistics and Operations Research; Managerial Grid; Management by objectives; Kepner Tregoe Decision Making; Financial Seminar for Utility Management; Managing Diversity

Board of Directors and Chairman, Research Committee – United Telecommunications Council

Past Chairman Information Management Section – Southeastern Electric Exchange

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Question applies to Utility Advisory Board

The Utility Advisory Board has 1 full term ending 3/3/2026. Residency NOT Required,

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Jonathan C Stephens

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 Nature Centers Commission

Why are you interested in serving on the Nature Centers Commission?

The flora and fauna that inhabit the natural world are awe-striking to witness but also possess a fragility with the emergence of environmental deterioration. However, I believe that pragmatic policies which help to expand and address environmental choices/concerns can allow for these potentials of changes within our local environments to be mitigated and potentially reversed. I am passionate about serving within the Nature Centers Commission because I hope to develop recommendations in collaboration with numerous entities which allow for implementing newfound nature centers across the Gainesville community. I believe that these developments can help to preserve our environments across Gainesville but also allow for newfound amenity-like qualities to emerge which set Gainesville apart from other cities/locations. Furthermore, I also hope to support programming/events which help to bridge student leaders within the University of Florida and the Nature Centers Commission to create cohesion and cooperation between both entities.

Question applies to Utility Advisory Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Utility Advisory Board?

From the electric flow that powers our floodlights and rotisserie chicken lines to the sewage that flows below our feet, utility services intersect almost every facet of our daily lives. Furthermore, the importance of progressive and scientific-founded policies to best innovate and manage these systems are critical to the prosperity and tranquility across the greater Gainesville community. I hold a deep passion for serving on the Utility Advising Board because I would hope to deliver high-quality recommendations that would help support the rural and low-income utility accessibility and affordability, specifically those who are impacted by agricultural and environmental utility implications. Additionally, I would hope to provide my youth-constituent perspective to these deliberations so that the Board can possess the diversity and awareness to support constituencies like University of Florida students to the best of their ability.

Question applies to Nature Centers Commission

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

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Members of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership must only serve three (3) terms per statute.

Question applies to Nature Centers Commission

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)

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Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ African American

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?

JONATHAN C. STEPHENS

APPLICANT - ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER (GAINESVILLE)

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- Negotiation/Compromise Strategies
- Data Analysis/Organization
- Digital Programming Design
- Strategic Events/Logistics Planning
- General Equipment Maintenance/Troubleshooting
- Educational Curriculum Writing
- Agricultural Industry/Systems
- Cohort Facilitation

CERTIFICATIONS

- AEST Agritechnology Specialist (2017)
- AEST Agriculture Associates (2018)
- AEST Agriculture Systems Associates (2019)
- Food Handler Certification (2020)

REFERENCES

RACHAEL CRISWELL

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WAYNE LONG

Publix Deli Assistant Manager -
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Bryantdlong@gmail.com
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CAREER PROFILE

College student with two and a half years of experience in the food/agricultural industry utilizing customer service and food production skills to help expand the brand of established agritourism and grocery companies. Formerly apart of an ambassador internship which granted opportunities to influence and impact students and stakeholders within the agricultural industry across Florida.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Area IV State Vice-President

Florida FFA Association | 06/2020 - 06/2021

- Served as an ambassador for over 30,000 students within the Florida FFA Association.
- Coordinated with Florida FFA State Officer Team, Staff, and Board of Directors to plan/manage leadership event continuum, competitive events, business/industry visits, financial budget allocations, etc.
- Facilitated workshops/leadership programs for students within the youth organization.
- Communicated agricultural education current events/topics to general student body across state, working within an 32-person cohort that coordinate informative social media posts to over 700,000 students across the nation.

Deli Clerk In-Charge

Publix | 06/2021 - Present

- Assists customers to deliver highest, most desirable product through utilizing wide knowledge of products, including but not limited to: sliced meats/cheeses, specialty platters/party trays, hot/fried food items, specialty subs/sandwiches, and other tertiary products.
- Focuses on committing to the Publix mission statement, heavily focusing on the "Intolerance to Waste" aspect through correctly providing exact proportions, following a strict FIFO procedure, and preparing near to exact amounts of products to reduce the potential of waste.
- Supports newfound associates through hands-on training/education within the department, training over 15 associates on proper equipment maintenance/safety, customer service practices, and many other interrelated associations.

Sales Associate

Southern Hill Farms | 08/2020 - 06/2021

- Ensured a quality customer experience with unwavering professionalism and effective communication within a fast-paced environment, which helped to increase capacities to upwards of around 4,000 guests per day.
- Stayed up-to-date with wide line-up of produce and product knowledge, the inventory of stations, and farm standards to keep customers and management aware of changes and product abilities.
- Committed to flexibility in crop production changes over three seasons, supporting the first ever strawberry crop season/product development on the farm.
- Took full ownership of departmental positions, helping in numerous cases facilitate select departments in the absence of supervisors and managers.

EXTRACURRICULAR/PHILANTHROPIC EXPERIENCE

Past State Officer Representative

Florida FFA Alumni and Supporters Council

- Coordinates with Florida FFA Alumni and Supporters Council to support student experiences and build inroads with alumni and stakeholder engagement across the state of Florida, in order to best support agriculture and agriculture education practices.
- Serves as a liaison for student representation within the board, articulating student experiences and needs from the Alumni and Supporters Councils and creating scholarship programming which allows for students to gain conference/professional experiences for future career development.
- Collaborates with a diverse coalition with entities to produce diverse initiatives, from supporting future agricultural educators with unique scholarship programs to developing engaging auction programming to fundraise for future alumni and student developments

General Volunteer

Field and Fork Pantry

- Restocking foodstuffs on shelves, prepping individual packages of around 55 lbs. worth of rolled oats and rice within an two-hour working shift
- Receives shipments/donations within the pantry, continuing to following food standard operating procedures.
- Contributes ideas/concept plans to staff from time-to-time to effectively organize and store foodstuffs efficiently, focusing heavily on categorical distribution of resources across the pantry (i.e. easy-prep foods vs. grains vs. canned fruits/vegetables)

EDUCATION

University of Florida

Double Major in Food Science & Agricultural Education/Communications
02/2021 - Present
3.93 GPA

Windermere High School

High School Diploma (Completed) | 08/2017 - 06/2020
Graduated in the top 10% of class