

**PENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE BALLOT**

**Openings:**    **One (1) partial term expiring 12/1/2024 (City Residency NOT Required)**

**Applications:** Two (2) Applications

**PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION AND INDICATE WHICH TERM LENGTH**

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>Comm. Simmons</b>	<b>Comm. Ward</b>	<b>Comm. Arreola</b>	<b>Comm. Hayes- Santos</b>	<b>Comm. Johnson</b>	<b>Comm. Saco</b>	<b>Mayor Poe</b>
James Blue (also applied to HPB)							
Angelo Witten (former member)							
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							

**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 2/18 COMMISSION MEETING**

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**Profile**

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

Mr	James	D	Blue	
Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix

james.blue325@gmail.com

Email Address

2146 NW 75th Place	
Street Address	Suite or Apt

Gainesville	FL	32653
City	State	Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \*

☒ District 2

Home: (919) 710-3453	
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

☒ Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

Department of Veterans Affairs	Contracting Officer
Employer	Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Historic Preservation Board: Submitted  
Pension Review Committee: Submitted

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Question applies to Historic Preservation Board

The Historic Preservation Board has 5 full terms ending 6/1/2023 and 1 student seat whose term ends on 9/30/2021. City Residency Required

Question applies to Pension Review Committee

The Pension Review Committee has 1 partial opening for a term ending 12/1/2024. City Residency NOT Required

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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](#).

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

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## Interests & Experiences

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**Why are you interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Board?**

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I am interested in serving my city in any capacity I can.

Question applies to Pension Review Committee

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Question applies to Historic Preservation Board

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

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Question applies to Pension Review Committee

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Question applies to Historic Preservation Board

Are you applying for a student seat?

☐ Yes ☒ No

[Federal Resume Updated BLUE\\_1.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

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?**

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# RESUME

James Donovan Blue  
2146 NW 75<sup>th</sup> Place  
Gainesville, FL 32653 US  
Mobile: 919-710-3453:  
Email: james.blue325@gmail.com

Availability:  
Job Type: Permanent  
Work Schedule: Full-Time  
Desired locations:  
United States - All

## Work Experience

### **Contracting Officer**

Department of Veterans Affairs- NF/SG Services Team  
300 E University Ave Ste. 180  
Gainesville FL, 32601

**02/2019 – Present S:**

Jorge Munoz  
P: 352-381-5707  
40 hrs/wk, \$62,236.00/yr

- Serves as a Contracting Officer for NCO 08 located in Gainesville, FL.
- Currently holds Level 1 Limited Warrant

#### **Pre-Solicitation**

- Assisted customers with requirements development functions, including development of work statements and other procurement package components.
- Assisted customers in developing long term contracts to minimize administrative duty for all departments.
- Assisted customers in performing market research appropriate to the circumstances.
- Completed RFI process to identify capable vendors.
- Assisted customer in development of IGCE, providing feedback and recommendations.

#### **Solicitation**

- Developed appropriate solicitation to Government's needs, including oral, SF-1449/OF-347 RFQ and RFPs (FAR 8, 12, 13, 15).
- Participated in developmental solicitation methods, to include comparative evaluation and FAR 13 Pilot Program.
- Responded to vender questions and concerns, amended solicitation vis SF-30 when needed.
- Completed solicitations through GSA E-Buy, NASA SEWP, and Federal Business Opportunities.

#### **Evaluations/Award**

- Reviewed quotes/proposals for responsiveness to Government requirements/solicitations.
- Completed proposal/quote evaluations including technical evaluations, past performance evaluations, socio-economic evaluations, and cost/price analysis/evaluation.
- Preparing documentation for award of contract/task/delivery orders, including award documentation, best value determination, business clearance memos, etc.
- Ensured all pertinent contract files and documents were uploaded and meta-tagged in eCMS briefcase of corresponding action.

#### **Post Award**

- Worked with customer on administrative actions, including cost and no-cost modifications.
- Created SF-30s and memorandums for awards, for modifications using eCMS.
- Processed interim and final CPARS, rating contractor performance.
- Executed modifications once determining within scope.
- Performed closeout activities to include verifying services/supplies have been received, invoices have been issued, invoices have been paid, and processing de-obligations of unexpended funds.

#### **General**

- Reviewed, interoperated, and ensured action compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR), VA issued Information Letters, and VA Handbooks and Directives.
- Input, monitored, and reviewed eCMS and FPDS data values.
- Conducted peer reviews to ensure documents were free of errors and in compliance with laws and regulations.
- Communicated regularly with Program Office and Logistics to clarify and provide updates.
- Assisted others in understanding assignment work by leading and being part of team groups and sessions, and providing peers with one on one assistance.

- Provided mentorship to interns with aiding in all aspects of the contracting process, and providing reviews to help correct issues and potential problems.
- Earned rich experience in the legislation, regulations, and methods used in contracting with good exposure to business and industry practices, sources of supply, cost factors, and requirements characteristics.

**Contract Specialist**

Department of Veterans Affairs- NF/SG Commodities Team  
300 E University Ave Ste. 170  
Gainesville FL, 32601

**07/2018 – 02/2019**

S: Denise M. Rose  
P: 352.381.5717  
40 hrs/wk, \$50,598/yr

- Served as a Contract Specialist for NCO 08 located in Gainesville, FL.
- Completed various acquisitions under and above the simplified acquisition threshold.
- Engaged in acquisition planning with multiple service lines within the North Florida/South Georgia Healthcare System.
- Used computer systems and applications to access, create, edit, print, send, retrieve, or manipulate data, files, or other information.
- Performed a full range of contracting responsibilities for the acquisition of supplies and services including planning, market research, strategy, solicitation, evaluation, negotiation and preparation of award documentation.
- Researched and applied the Federal Acquisition Regulations, VA Acquisition Regulation, and VA Information Letters, Handbooks and Directives to ensure compliance with acquisition policy.
- Assisted in developing Statements of Work to help define customer tasks and deliverables. Worked closely with the customer to obtain all items for the requirements package.
- Performed contractor responsibility determinations prior to award using Central Contracting Registration, Online Representation and Certification Application, Excluded Party List System, System for Awards Management and the Vendor Information Pages at VetBiz.gov.
- Completed 58 Contract Actions with a total value of \$1.7 Million dollars for FY 18.
- Completed over 50 Contract Closeout action while maintaining workload during FY 18.
- Worked with technical evaluation teams to ensure evaluations were conducted appropriately and in accordance with the solicitation.
- Awarded ICARE certificate by SAO East Director for Advocacy.

**Contract Specialist**

Department of Veterans Affairs- VA Acquisitions Academy  
7485 New Horizon Way  
Frederick, MD 21704

**02/2018 – 06/2018**

S: David Brigham  
P: 202.258.7624  
40 hrs/wk, \$50,598/yr

- Served as a Contract Specialist Intern for NCO 08 located in Gainesville, FL.
- Completed various acquisitions under the simplified acquisition threshold.
- Engaged in acquisition planning with multiple service lines for multiple VA Medical Centers during On the Job Rotations.
- Used computer systems and applications to access, create, edit, print, send, retrieve, or manipulate data, files, or other information.
- Performed a full range of contracting responsibilities for the acquisition of supplies and services including planning, market research, strategy, solicitation, evaluation, negotiation and preparation of award documentation.
- Researched and applied the Federal Acquisition Regulations, VA Acquisition Regulation, and VA Information Letters, Handbooks and Directives to ensure compliance with acquisition policy.
- Assisted in developing Statements of Work to help define customer tasks and deliverables. Worked closely with the customer to obtain all items for the requirements package.
- Performed contractor responsibility determinations prior to award using Central Contracting Registration, Online Representation and Certification Application, Excluded Party List System, System for Awards Management and the Vendor Information Pages at VetBiz.gov.
- I have currently completed over \$766,185.71 in contract actions in FY 18.
- Worked with technical evaluation teams to ensure evaluations were conducted appropriately and in accordance with the solicitation.
- Completed FAC-C Level 1 Certification Training Requirements.

### **Contract Specialist**

Department of Veterans Affairs- VA Acquisitions Academy  
7485 New Horizon Way  
Frederick, MD 21704

**02/2017 – 02/2018**

S: David Brigham  
P: 202.258.7624  
40 hrs/wk, \$44,941/yr

- Served as a Contract Specialist Intern for NCO 16 located in Ridgeland MS and NCO 08 located in Gainesville, FL.
- Completed various acquisitions under the simplified acquisition threshold.
- Engaged in acquisition planning with multiple service lines for multiple VA Medical Centers during On The Job Rotations.
- Used computer systems and applications to access, create, edit, print, send, retrieve, or manipulate data, files, or other information.
- Performed a full range of contracting responsibilities for the acquisition of supplies and services including planning, market research, strategy, solicitation, evaluation, negotiation and preparation of award documentation.
- Researched and applied the Federal Acquisition Regulations, VA Acquisition Regulation, and VA Information Letters, Handbooks and Directives to ensure compliance with acquisition policy.
- Assisted in developing Statements of Work to help define customer tasks and deliverables. Worked closely with the customer to obtain all items for the requirements package.
- Performed contractor responsibility determinations prior to award using Central Contracting Registration, Online Representation and Certification Application, Excluded Party List System, System for Awards Management and the Vendor Information Pages at VetBiz.gov.
- I completed over \$500,000 in contract actions in FY 17.
- Worked with technical evaluation teams to ensure evaluations were conducted appropriately and in accordance with the solicitation

### **Procurement Technician**

Department of Veterans Affairs- VA Acquisitions Academy  
7485 New Horizon Way  
Frederick, MD 21704

**02/2016 – 02/2017**

S: Summer Snyder  
P: 202.306.1276  
40 hrs/wk, \$35,625/yr

- Developed foundational knowledge and experience in the field of acquisition.
- Participated in a combination of activities and training, and gained knowledge of commonly used contracting methods and contract types relating to the performance of the contract process.
- Increased skills understanding to achieve excellent customer service, success in a teaming environment, and techniques for problem solving as it pertains to acquisitions.
- Attended an introductory ECMS class gaining entry level knowledge about the way the contract data is entered.
- Successfully completed FAR Overview course (CON 90) gaining basic understanding of the federal acquisition environment, including the structure of the federal government, identifying the basic principles of federal government contracting and using the FAR and VAAR to locate, cite, and interpret specific information.
- Identified policies and procedures utilizing the FAR for acquisition planning.
- Assisted others in understanding assignments work by leading and being part of team groups and sessions, and providing peers with one on one assistance.
- Gained knowledge of the overall procurement process, from procurement planning to the various components of a procurement package, including the Integrated Product Team.
- Received training in the areas of the procurement solicitation process and the various activities associated with identifying potential vendor sources and managing the solicitation procedures.
- Effectively utilized E-mail and Instant Messaging on a regular occurrence with supervisors, instructors and peers.
- Engaged in training on how to perform Simplified Acquisition Procedures.
- Attended various leadership, procurement, and ethics presentations required for the Contract Specialist Trainee position.
- Prepared and delivered speeches, reports, and presentations on various business topics related to federal contracting.
- Acquired experience with commonly used contracts and clauses, methods and pertinent regulatory and guideline material sufficient to perform assignments of a trainee nature for which there are clear precedents.
- Trained on the differences between tactical and strategic market research and how to consolidate market research results to develop an acquisition strategy
- Demonstrated foundational knowledge of acquisition terminology, procedures, and overall Acquisition Lifecycle.



- Assisted others in understanding school work by leading and being part of study groups and sessions, and providing peers with one on one assistance.
- Gained knowledge of the overall procurement process, from procurement planning to the various components of a procurement package, including the Integrated Product Team.
- Met stringent deadlines in a fast-paced, dynamic environment.

**Indoor/Outdoor Pest Technician**

Terminix, Inc.  
131 Thomas Mill Rd  
Holly Springs, NC 27540

**04/2015-10/2015**

S: Lucas Currin  
P: (919) 577-9070  
40 hrs/ wk, \$30,000/ yr

- Pest Technician
- Performs indoor and outdoor pest services utilizing various chemical and non-chemical methods
- Responsible for a company owned vehicle and various company equipment
- Files various reports on a strict time-line in accordance with company policy
- Upholds company values while conducting face to face interactions with up to 18 customers per day

**Online Sales Associate**

Sovereign Guns  
111 N Main St  
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

**08/2014-11/2014**

S: Valerio Del Canto  
P: (919) 557-3080  
40 hrs/ wk, \$26,000/ yr

- Firearms Sales associate, handling both online and in-store customers.

**Hagemeyer North America**

2820 Yonkers Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27604

**07/2013-11/2013**

S: Matthew Blake  
P: (919) 417-2836  
40 hrs/ wk, \$29,000/ yr

- Member of the Warehouse Receiving Team; responsible for receiving products from various vendors and ensuring the accuracy of the order.

**Private Investigator**

InQuest Solutions INC  
5665 Atlanta Highway 9  
Suite 103-192  
Alpharetta, GA 30004

**04/2013-06/2013**

S: Tim Sauer  
P: (843) 206-6653  
40 hrs/ wk, \$40,500/ yr

- Private Investigator, Responsible for conducting and documenting surveillance on personnel.
- Prepared written reports that are used in various legal cases.
- Utilized various methods of documentation, including video and social media.

**Heavy Weapons Infantry Squad Leader**

25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment  
Wahiawa, HI 97606

**08/2007-4/2013**

S: William Long  
P: (815) 715-9095  
40 hrs/ wk, \$35,000/ yr

- Heavy Weapons Squad Leader, Senior Squad leader of a seven-man Anti-Armor Squad; responsible for the training, welfare, fitness, morale and discipline of all Soldiers assigned to the squad and their families. Ensured the squad

was tactically and technically proficient and was held accountable for the maintenance and accountability of the squad equipment valued in excess of one million dollars.

- COIST team member, Conducted pre-briefs and de-briefs for maneuver elements. Responsible for coordinating meetings between upper echelon leadership and intelligence sections. Prepared oral and written briefings and established standard operating procedures for team members based upon observation of the local populace and enemy forces
- Infantryman, Light and heavy machine-gunner, Responsible for fire suppression and dismounted infantry maneuvers. Served in various roles to include Personal Security Detachment and Platoon level Electronic Warfare Operator (CREW,CVRJ).
- Deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from November 2008 – November 2009 and deployed again to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 2011 – March 2012.

#### **Education**

##### **University:**

Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD 21727  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

##### **High School:**

West Johnston High School (2007)

#### **Job Related Training**

##### **Department of Veterans Affairs:**

Contracting Officers Representative Level 1  
Federal Acquisition Institute Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) Level 1  
Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) Level 2  
Level 1 Limited Warrant

##### **US Army:**

Combat Infantryman Badge  
Army Commendation Medal (2)  
Army Achievement Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Overseas Service Ribbon (3)  
NATO Medal  
Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon  
Good Conduct Medal

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## Profile

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	Angelo		Witten	
Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix

wittena.gnv@gmail.com

Email Address

9216 NW 23rd Lane	
Street Address	Suite or Apt

Gainesville	FL	32606
City	State	Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \*

☒ I do not live in Gainesville

Mobile: (240) 876-2651	
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

### Primary Phone Type

☒ Cell

### Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

GRU	Fuels Analyst
Employer	Job Title

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Pension Review Committee: Submitted

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## Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Pension Review Committee

**Why are you interested in serving on the Pension Review Committee?**

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I have enjoyed serving the partial term that began October 2019. In that time, I have attended all meetings and have begun to appreciate the work done by the professional staff and the other advisory board members. These meetings are full of investment jargon that can act as a bar to prevent the public from understanding what is being discussed. My goal is to ensure that the needs of the GRU pension are being served by identifying when risks are misunderstood or when there is a potential for group-think.

Question applies to Pension Review Committee

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

Partial term

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[Investigations\\_resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

None Selected

### Gender

None Selected

### Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

☒ Yes ☐ No

\*Mr. Witten is no longer an employee as of 1/12/2021

### 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?

Pension Review Committee

Angelo Witten

# Angelo Witten

## Compliance and Investigations Professional

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### Angelo Witten

2563 NW 97th Dr. Apt. 207  
Gainesville, FL 32606

c: (240) 876-2651  
wittena.gnv@gmail.com

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### Professional Summary

Successful compliance professional with over 18 years experience of conducting investigations and preparing written dispositions describing financial fraud and rule violations. Collaborated with attorneys to achieve positive results in settlement negotiations and litigation. Conducted over 60 on-the-record interviews.

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### Experience

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#### FINRA / Analyst Investigator

October 2000 - June 2018, Rockville, MD

Led investigations into issuer fraud, broker/dealer fraud, and bond pricing schemes related to violations of FINRA Rules, MSRB Rules and SEC Rules and Regulations. These investigations involved intensive document and email review and analysis, interviews of firms and customers, and collaboration with other team members.

Worked closely with external parties and their counsel to collect relevant evidence of violations.

Developed cases based on hotline tips.

Managed a docket of 30 reviews leading them from initiation to disposition, as well as taking over cases from other team members.

Maintained current information on rule changes, relevant case law and compliance trends and shared information with team members.

Responsible for mentoring and on-boarding new team members.

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### Education

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#### American University - Washington College of Law / JD

August 1997 - May 2000, Washington, DC

Student Attorney in the Women and the Law clinic

Health Law and Managed Care Seminar

#### University of Kentucky / MBA

August 1996 - August 1997, Lexington, KY

#### University of Kentucky / BS in Communication

August 1993 - August 1996, Lexington, KY

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### Affiliations

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State Bar of Maryland, Member since December 2000

**Bryant, Kristen**

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**Subject:** FW: Pension Review Cmte application

**From:** Angelo Witten <[wittena.gnv@gmail.com](mailto:wittena.gnv@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2021 1:12 PM

**To:** Bryant, Kristen <[BryantK1@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:BryantK1@cityofgainesville.org)>

**Subject:** Pension Review Cmte application

Kristen:

I resigned from GRU on 1/12/2021.

Thank you,  
Angelo Witten  
(240) 876-2651 (cell)