

## **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**MMRB Liaison: DJ Culberson, (407) 247-0389**

### **MISSION**

Reviews, analyzes, and provides recommendations and comments about rules, regulations, and ordinances affecting the agricultural industry.

### **STATUS OF VACANCIES**

There are three vacancies on this 11-member board in the plant/foilage nursery industry and fruit crop industry representative categories due to the updated board resolution.

### **THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:**

Consideration of the appointment of A. Kathrein Markle in the plant or foliage nursery industry representative category with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>ETHN</u></b>	<b><u>GEN</u></b>	<b><u>DIST</u></b>
A. Kathrein Markle	Wekiwa Gardens/Co-Owner	W	NH	F	2

### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

**A. Kathrein Markle:** Ms. Markle is a co-owner of Wekiwa Gardens, where she has been employed for 42 years. She has a bachelor's degree in health records administration from the University of Central Florida. She is a member of the Orange County Farm Bureau and the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association. She previously served on the Agricultural Advisory Board.

**CURRENT BOARD**

	<b><u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>ETHN</u></b>	<b><u>GEN</u></b>	<b><u>DIST</u></b>
<b><u>Equine/Livestock Industry</u></b>						
Brenda A. Hagemeister	06/06/23	12/31/26	W	NH	F	5
Michael D. Patterson	04/22/25	12/31/25	W	NH	*	5
<b><u>Plant/Foliage Nursery Industry</u></b>						
Vacant						
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<b><u>Landscape/Water Management</u></b>						
Suzanne Archer	05/23/23	12/31/26	W	NH	F	2
Russell L. Woodall	06/06/23	12/31/26	W	NH	M	3
<b><u>Allied Horticulture Industry</u></b>						
John Madison	04/11/23	12/31/26	W	NH	M	4
<b><u>Fruit Crop Industry</u></b>						
Vacant						
<b><u>Urban Agriculture/Small Farms</u></b>						
Amy Paterson	03/11/25	12/31/26	W	NH	F	1
<b><u>Tree Producer/Arborist or At Large</u></b>						
James C. Dowdy	04/05/22	12/31/25	W	NH	M	5
<b><u>Agricultural Education or At Large</u></b>						
Stacy A. Figueroa	03/11/25	12/31/26	W	NH	F	1

\*Not Listed

## Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 4/18/2025

**Application Number:** 94322

**Application Expires:** 4/18/2027

**Name:** Ms. A. Kathrein Markle

**Business Address:**

496 N. Lake Pleasant Road  
Apopka, FL 32712

**Home Address:**

2422 Liela Lee Court  
Ocoee, FL 34761

**Mail Address:**

Not Listed

**Email Address:** Kathrein@wekiwagardens.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(321) 239-8581

**Work Telephone Number:**

(407) 889-3000

**Employer:** Wekiwa Gardens

**Job Title:** Co-owner

**Years Employed:** 42

**Education:**

**School:** UCF (Florida Tech)

**Degree:** BS Health Records Administration

**Boards of Interest:**

Agricultural Advisory Board

**Licences/Certificates Information:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** I have worked in the Horticultural industry for 42 years, in the nursery founded by my parents in 1965. I have been a member of the following boards over the years: Orange County Ag Advisory Board, Action Chapter of the FL Nurserymen, Landscape and Growers Association, National Foliage Foundation, Orange County Farm Bureau, Florida Farm Bureau Environmental Horticulture Advisory Board. I am a graduate of the University of Florida's Wedgworth Leadership Institute Class IV.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Bryan Nelson

**Phone Number:** (407) 963-9840

**Capacity/ Relationship:** friend

**Reference:** John Madison

**Phone Number:** (407) 709-2642

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Orange County Farm Bureau / friend

**Reference:** Mike Patterson

**Phone Number:** (321) 689-7031

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Orange County Farm Bureau / friend

**Professional Organizations:** Orange County Farm Bureau

**From:** 2000 ish

**To:** present

**Professional Organizations:** Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Assoc

**From:** 1985 ish

**To:** present

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** 1960

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 2

**Previously Served On:** Ag Advisory Board since inception off and on

**Year Previously Served:** ?

**Gender:** Female

**Date of Birth:** 9/26/1955

**Are you of Hispanic origin?** Not Hispanic

**Disabled:** Unlisted

**Age:** 69

**Race:** Caucasian

**Current Applicants for the Agricultural Advisory Board as of 5/1/2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	<b>District/County</b>	<b>Application Date</b>
Amico, Dawson Lance	M	Other	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	1/1/2025
Culberson, Danny J.	M	Caucasian	Hispanic	Orange County District 1	4/11/2024
Diamond, Leopold A	M	American Indian/Alaskan	Hispanic	Orange County District 6	9/15/2024
Ford, Belinda	F	African American	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	6/17/2024
Markle, A. Kathrein	F	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	4/18/2025
Martinez, Maria	Unlisted	Unlisted	Hispanic	Orange County District 5	9/15/2024
Stanley, Johnny	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	2/26/2025