

DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MMRB Liaison: Samuel Vilchez Santiago, (407) 459-2324

MISSION

Addresses problems such as limited access of public accommodations and recommends priority funding needs of the disabled to the Board of County Commissioners.

STATUS OF VACANCIES

There are two vacancies on this nine-member board in the at large representative category due to the resignations of Benjamin Griffis and Benjamin V. House.

THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:

Consideration of the appointment of Kaley M. Kass to succeed Benjamin Griffis in the at large representative category with a term expiring June 30, 2026.

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Kaley M. Kass	University of Central Florida/ Coordinator II, Academic Support Services	5

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Kaley M. Kass: Ms. Kass is an academic support services coordinator II with the University of Central Florida, where she has been employed for three years. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and environmental policy from the University of South Florida. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration at the University of Central Florida.

CURRENT BOARD

	<u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
<u>At Large</u>			
Carlton R. Reid	09/16/25	06/30/27	1
Michael T. Lincoln-McCreight	05/07/24	06/30/26	6
John W. Ashton	12/12/23	06/30/27	1
Marsha J. Bukala	03/11/25	06/30/26	5
Benajmin V. House [RESIGNED]	08/05/25	06/30/27	3
Carmen L. Torres	03/11/25	06/30/26	4
Benjamin Griffis [RESIGNED]	03/11/25	06/30/26	3
Reverend Marcelino Rivera	08/05/25	06/30/27	6
Camille Gardiner	11/15/22	06/30/26	3

Advisory Board Application for Appointment

Date: 8/20/2025

Application Number: 95422

Application Expires: 8/20/2027

Name: Ms. Kaley M. Kass

Business Address:

Not Listed

Home Address:

2972 S. Tanner Road
Orlando, FL 32820

Mail Address:

Not Listed

Email Address: kaley.kass@ucf.edu

Home Telephone Number:

(407) 455-0861

Work Telephone Number:

Not Listed

Employer: University of Central Florida

Job Title: Coordinator II, Academic Support Svcs.

Years Employed: 3

Education:

School: University of Central Florida

Degree: MPA - Pending May 2027

School: University of South Florida

Degree: BA, Chemistry and Environmental Policy

Boards of Interest:

Community Action Board

Disability Advisory Board

Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services

Licences/Certificates Information: Not Listed

Personal History: I bring both professional expertise and personal passion for equity, inclusion, and community support to the board role I am seeking. I currently serve as an Administrative Coordinator at the University of Central Florida's Nanoscience Technology Center, where I oversee academic services, program coordination, and student advocacy. My experience has equipped me with strong skills in policy navigation, problem solving, and bridging communication between diverse groups of stakeholders. Beyond my professional work, I have a longstanding commitment to social justice, accessibility, and community empowerment. I am pursuing graduate-level study in Public Administration, which allows me to pair academic knowledge with hands-on service. I also hold a coaching practitioner certificate, with training in change management and goal setting, which I use to support students and young adults in navigating academic and personal challenges. On a personal level, I live with chronic health conditions and am in the process of navigating the complexities of healthcare and disability systems. This lived experience has given me insight into the barriers many community members face and has deepened my drive to advocate for equitable access to services. Altogether, my combination of professional coordination experience, academic preparation in public service, and personal commitment to advocacy uniquely position me to contribute meaningfully to the chosen advisory boards. I am dedicated to helping ensure county programs are accessible, responsive, and equitable for all residents.

Prior Relationship with County: No

Explain Prior Relationship: Not Listed

References: Not Listed

Professional Organization Information: Not Listed

Orange County Resident:

Resident Since: Unlisted

Registered Voter: Yes

District: Orange County District 5

Previously Served On: Unlisted

Year Previously Served: Unlisted

Disabled: Yes

Current Applicants for the Disability Advisory Board as of 9/4/2025

Name	District/County	Application Date
Acquah, Wisdom Kwame	Orange County District 1	5/7/2025
Andrews, Ameeta T.	Orange County District 6	8/22/2024
Banks, Alycia C.	Orange County District 5	1/8/2025
Benhart, Mary	Orange County District 4	7/24/2024
Beyers, Evelyn D.	Orange County District 6	11/10/2023
Burgess, Beverly	Orange County District 2	6/21/2024
Davis, Jeffrey S.	Orange County District 1	2/21/2025
Forman, Brian T.	Orange County District 2	9/10/2023
James, Tabitha	Orange County District 2	9/26/2024
Kass, Kaley M.	Orange County District 5	8/20/2025
Lynch, Patrick Merle	Orange County District 3	8/14/2024
Marrero, Javier	Orange County District 4	2/6/2024
Vargas, Jennifer J.	Orange County District 1	6/24/2024
White, James A.	Orange County District 4	9/11/2024