

**DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**MMRB Liaison: James R. Auffant, (407) 222-5503**

**MISSION:**

Reviews proposed Orange County land development regulations affecting development and redevelopment in Orange County and recommends needed changes or revisions to the Board of County Commissioners.

**STATUS OF VACANCIES:**

There are three vacancies on this nine-member board in the primary group (developer, environmental specialist, and licensed architect) due to the term expirations of Dallas Austin, Melisse T. James, and Ernesto Gonzalez-Chavez.

**THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:**

Consideration of the appointment of Vasu T. Persaud to succeed Dallas Austin in the developer representative category with a term expiring June 30, 2025.

<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>
Vasu T. Persaud	EcoVision Homes & Karma Development Group/ Founder and Chief Executive Officer	A/PI	NH	M	1

**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Vasu T. Persaud:** Mr. Persaud is the founder and chief executive officer of EcoVision Homes & Karma Development Group, where he has been employed for four years. He has master's degrees in civil engineering and engineering management from the University of Central Florida. He is a member of the American Planning Association Florida Chapter and the Florida Board of Professional Engineers.

**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>Primary Group (Developer)</u></b>						
Dallas Austin	11/14/17	06/30/23	W	NH	F	5
<b><u>Primary Group (Licensed Architect)</u></b>						
Ernesto Gonzalez-Chavez	06/18/19	06/30/24	W	H	M	5
<b><u>Primary Group (Certified Urban Planner)</u></b>						
Justin Hannah	12/12/23	06/30/25	B	NH	M	6
<b><u>Primary Group (Environmental Specialist with a degree in a related scientific field)</u></b>						
Melisse T. James	04/11/23	06/30/24	W	NH	F	3
<b><u>Primary Group (Homeowners' association/residential representative)</u></b>						
Arnold Sanchez	10/10/23	06/30/25	W	H	M	1
<b><u>Secondary Group (General Contractor)</u></b>						
Oluwaseun Falade	12/13/22	06/30/26	B	NH	M	1
<b><u>Secondary Group (Licensed Landscape Architect)</u></b>						
Robert A. Bias	01/10/23	06/30/26	W	NH	M	3
<b><u>Secondary Group (Attorney)</u></b>						
Don H. Nguyen	12/12/23	06/30/25	A/PI	NH	M	4
<b><u>Secondary Group (Builder)</u></b>						
Kait Doulou	04/11/23	06/30/25	W	NH	F	1

# Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 11/5/2024

**Application Number:** 92402

**Application Expires:** 11/5/2026

**Name:** Mr. Vasu T. Persaud

**Business Address:**

350 E. Crown Point Road  
Suite 1100  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

**Home Address:**

1366 Social Lane  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

**Mail Address:**

15155 W. Colonial Drive  
#784852  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

**Email Address:** vasu.consultancy@karmadevgrp.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(321) 948-9594

**Work Telephone Number:**

Not Listed

**Employer:** EcoVision Homes & Karma Development Group

**Job Title:** Founder & CEO

**Years Employed:** 4

**Education:**

**School:** UCF

**Degree:** MSc, Civil Engineering

**School:** UCF

**Degree:** MSc, Engineering Management

**Boards of Interest:**

Development Advisory Board

**Licenses and Certificates:** Professional Engineer

**Issue Date:** 4/22/2011

**Issuing Authority:** Florida Board of Professional Engineers

**Disciplinary Action:** None

**From:** Not Listed

**To:** Not Listed

**Licenses and Certificates:** American Institute of Certified Planners

**Issue Date:** 8/16/2011

**Issuing Authority:** American Planning Association

**Disciplinary Action:** None

**From:** Not Listed

**To:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** Vas Persaud is a licensed planner, engineer and contractor with 20 years of experience as a niche civil engineering consultant on real estate projects all over the state of Florida. He founded EcoVision Homes and the Karma Development Group, a vertically integrated group of land development companies, to pioneer the trademarked Green Workforce Wellness Neighborhoods residential development concept to help address the Affordable Housing, Climate Variability, Family/household strength, Wellness and Future of work issues facing America.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Clay Ferrara

**Phone Number:** (772) 486-8280

**Capacity/ Relationship:** CEO Ideas For Us/Advisor

**Reference:** Anthony Nelson

**Phone Number:** (407) 665-5763

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Seminole County Engineer/Past Boss

**Reference:** Sachin Maskey

**Phone Number:** (917) 587-0464

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Non-Profit Lead/Mentor/Biz Partner

**Professional Organizations:** American Planning Association Florida Chapter

**From:** 08/16/11

**To:** Present

**Professional Organizations:** Florida Board of Professional Engineers

**From:** 04/22/11

**To:** Present

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** 2003

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 1

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Male

**Disabled:** No

**Date of Birth:** 11/4/1981

**Age:** 43

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

**Race:** Asian/Pacific Islander

**Current Applicants for the Development Advisory Board as of 2/3/2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	<b>District/County</b>	<b>Application Date</b>
Anderson, Isaiah	M	African American	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 4	10/20/2024
Baker, Randall S.	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	10/10/2023
Boumzourh, Nadia	F	Other	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	5/17/2024
Brandon, Brian P.	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	4/22/2024
Bryant, Edgar	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 3	10/13/2023
Easton, Susan	F	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	7/14/2024
Elmasry, Hanna Faye	F	Other	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	9/5/2023
Forman, Brian T.	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	9/10/2023
Gonzalez, Juan Carlos	M	Caucasian	Hispanic	Orange County District 5	4/17/2023
Hall, Jim	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	3/20/2023
Isaacs, Heather Middleton	F	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	1/24/2025
Kastner, Philip	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	4/23/2024
King, Echo	F	Asian/Pacific Islander	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	1/5/2024
Mejias, Aldo E.	M	Caucasian	Hispanic	Orange County District 1	7/14/2023
Monarrez Puckett, Michael	M	Other	Hispanic	Orange County District 4	9/5/2023
Persaud, Vasu T.	M	Asian/Pacific Islander	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	11/5/2024
Reicher, Marc S.	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	1/4/2024
Reinhart, Debra R.	F	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	1/3/2025
Ripper, Elder N.	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	6/13/2023
Schultz, Laini	F	African American	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	5/6/2024
Selby, Stephen A.	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 5	10/4/2023
Stamm, David John	M	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 1	6/27/2024
Taylor, Kelsey Michelle	F	Caucasian	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 3	12/18/2024
Tompkins, Keyaria	F	Other	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	2/8/2024
Williams, Lauren	F	Unlisted	Not Hispanic	Orange County District 2	1/26/2025