

## **COMMISSION ON AGING**

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

### **MISSION**

Collects information and data on the needs of and services for elders, their families, and caregivers; assists agencies in assessing these needs and services; and analyzes the elder readiness of the county.

### **STATUS OF VACANCIES**

There are two vacancies on this 11-member board due to the resignations of Dr. Kevin Cezat and Steven D. Lezak.

### **THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:**

Consideration of the appointment of Tatiana Fernandez to succeed Dr. Kevin Cezat in the business representative category and Edward M. Geller to succeed Steven D. Lezak in the media or public relations representative category with terms expiring June 30, 2026.

<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
Tatiana Fernandez	Pantera Technical Services Corp./President	4
Edward M. Geller	M+R/Senior Motion Graphics Designer	5

### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Tatiana Fernandez:** Ms. Fernandez is the president of Pantera Technical Services Corp., where she has been employed for 10 years. She holds an associate's degree in banking from the Instituto de Banca y Comercio Inc. She is a member of the Puerto Rico Central Florida Chamber of Commerce.

**Edward M. Geller:** Mr. Geller is a senior motion graphics designer with M+R, where he has been employed for two years. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Florida. He is a member of the Washington-Baltimore News Guild, Local No. 32035.

**CURRENT BOARD**

	<b><u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
<b><u>Foundation</u></b>			
Paula M. Atkinson	09/12/23	06/30/24	2
<b><u>Health Care</u></b>			
Kevin Cezat, DPT [RESIGNED]	10/08/24	06/30/26	5
Angel M. Torres, Ph.D.	08/05/25	06/30/27	2
<b><u>Education</u></b>			
Charlotte Coppenhaver, Ed.D.	10/08/24	06/30/26	5
<b><u>At Large</u></b>			
Tee Rogers	08/05/25	06/30/27	4
Arlene J. Gonzalez	05/07/24	06/30/27	1
<b><u>Business</u></b>			
Sharda I. Singh	08/05/25	06/30/27	1
Steven D. Lezak [RESIGNED]	08/05/25	06/30/26	3

**Chairman – Community Partnerships Committee (Ex-officio)**

Edith A. Gendron

**Area Agency on Aging CEO (Ex-officio, non-voting)**

Karla Radka

**Chairman of the City of Orlando's Mayor's Committee on Aging (Ex-officio, non-voting)**

Ken Terrell

## Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 12/26/2025

**Application Number:** 96502

**Application Expires:** 12/26/2027

**Name:** Ms. Tatiana Fernandez

**Business Address:**

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Daytona Beach, FL 32117

**Home Address:**

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Apt. 6416  
Orlando, FL 32832

**Mail Address:**

Box 204-126  
10524 Moss Park Road  
Orlando, FL 32832

**Email Address:** tatianapantera@hotmail.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(407) 963-4113

**Work Telephone Number:**

Not Listed

**Employer:** Pantera Technical Services Corp

**Job Title:** President

**Years Employed:** 10

**Education:**

**School:** Instituto de Banca y Comercio Inc.

**Degree:** Associate in Banking

**Boards of Interest:**

Community Development Advisory Board  
Disability Advisory Board  
Commission on Aging

**Licences/Certificates Information:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** My desire to serve on the Commission on Aging, the Disability Advisory Board, and the Community Development Advisory Board is grounded in my life experiences, personal history, and long-standing commitment to improving the well-being of individuals and families within the community. Over the years, I have learned that strong communities are built when people have access to resources, clear information, and responsive systems that support them through different stages of life. These lessons have shaped my values and motivated me to seek opportunities for public service. Throughout my life, I have been closely connected to individuals who rely on public programs, community services, and advocacy to maintain stability and independence. I have personally experienced how challenging it can be to navigate systems related to healthcare, housing, education, and social services. These experiences have given me practical insight into the gaps that exist within these systems and the importance of clear communication, accountability, and thoughtful planning when developing policies and programs. My interest in aging-related issues developed through relationships with older family members. Neighbors, Customers and community involvement. I have observed how aging often brings increased medical needs, limited mobility, and concerns about remaining in one's home. I have also seen how social isolation and limited transportation can affect mental and emotional well-being. These experiences have taught me that programs serving older adults must focus on safety, independence, and access to reliable services. Serving on the Commission on Aging would allow me to support policies that help older adults remain active, informed, and supported within their communities. My connection to disability-related issues is deeply personal and has significantly influenced my understanding of public systems. I have spent considerable time supporting individuals with disabilities and their families.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Ricardo Soto

**Phone Number:** (407) 389-9473

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Friend

**Reference:** Cynthia Jenkins

**Phone Number:** (321) 356-4486

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Collaborator/Speech pathologist

**Reference:** Ricardo Velez

**Phone Number:** (407) 808-3175

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Co-Board Member- PR Chamber of Comm

**Professional Organizations:** Puerto Rico Central Florida Chamber Of Commerce

**From:** 2019

**To:** 2026

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** 2025

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 4

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Female

**Disabled:** No

**Are you of Hispanic origin?** Hispanic

**Race:** Caucasian

# Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 1/4/2026

**Application Number:** 96602

**Application Expires:** 1/4/2028

**Name:** Mr. Edward M. Geller

**Business Address:**

Not Listed

**Home Address:**

609 N Eola Drive  
Apt. 5  
Orlando, FL 32803

**Mail Address:**

Not Listed

**Email Address:** emgeller@gmail.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(323) 491-6030

**Work Telephone Number:**

Not Listed

**Employer:** M+R

**Job Title:** Sr. Motion Graphics Designer

**Years Employed:** 2

**Education:**

**School:** University of Florida

**Degree:** English (B.A.)

**Boards of Interest:**

Disability Advisory Board

Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council

Commission on Aging

**Licences/Certificates Information:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** Previously, I lived in the Tampa Bay area and was quite involved over the last few years. I was a board member of the Hillsborough County Jewish Democratic Caucus and the Vice President of the Democratic Progressive Caucus of Tampa Bay. As a member of each, I convened meetings and activist actions that were both valuable to our membership base and the community at large. Whether that was free tail light repair clinics or spearheading candidate trainings, I found ways to make a meaningful impact in Hillsborough County. I am also a proud member of the Washington-Baltimore News Guild, Local No. 32035 where I serve as a shop steward and previously a member of the executive committee. In my union, I strive to always employ active listening, respect, and leadership by consensus. These are the same qualities I'm excited to bring to my participation in an Orange County Advisory Board. But more important than my memberships is the kinship I have with the disability community my top choice for an Orange County advisory board. Not only am I a member of the disability community, but my nephew Teddy was born in 2021 with a chromosomal abnormality (Mosaic Trisomy 9) that has led to a severe disability. At nearly five years old, Teddy is unable to walk, talk, crawl, or consume any food through his mouth. Despite his challenges, however, he is deeply loved and deserves every opportunity for success that his family and community are able to provide. I've seen his challenges, but I've also witnessed the support provided for him, and how that enables Teddy to experience joy and growth. And these support systems also allow my sister and her husband to survive the rigors of raising a child with a disability. With that in mind, I'd be honored to bring that perspective to the Orange County Disability Advisory Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Stephanie Vanos

**Phone Number:** (321) 297-4236

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Partner

**Reference:** Stephen Shaiken

**Phone Number:** (813) 420-2272

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Pres of Jewish Democratic Caucus

**Reference:** Kelly Buttermore

**Phone Number:** (718) 637-7893

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Fellow performer

**Professional Organizations:** Hillsborough Country Jewish Democratic Caucus

**From:** 2/23

**To:** 1/25

**Professional Organizations:** Washington-Baltimore News Guild, Local No. 32035

**From:** 10/23

**To:** Current

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** 2025

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 5

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Male

**Disabled:** Yes

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

**Race:** Caucasian

**Current Applicants for the Commission on Aging as of 1/14/2026**

Name	District/County	Application Date
Danaher, Alan Robert	Orange County District 4	7/5/2025
Fernandez, Tatiana	Orange County District 4	12/26/2025
Geller, Edward M.	Orange County District 5	1/4/2026
Hagan, Catherine	Orange County District 1	1/6/2026
Henry, Cynthia M.	Orange County District 2	11/13/2025
House, Benjamin V.	Orange County District 3	7/7/2025
James, Tabitha	Orange County District 2	9/26/2024
James, Majorie D.	Orange County District 2	8/6/2024
Johnson, Hyacinth M.	Orange County District 5	9/11/2025
Lang, Ydalmis	Orange County District 3	6/24/2025
Long, Jody D.	Orange County District 1	1/7/2026
McGrael, Jonathan	Orange County District 1	8/14/2025
Reddick, Samuel Hashim	Orange County District 2	8/17/2025
Reid, Carlton R.	Orange County District 1	7/26/2025
Stevenson, Sonya	Orange County District 6	4/20/2024
Sutton, Tirsa	Seminole County	12/27/2024
Tewari, Usha N.	Orange County District 1	10/19/2025
Thomas, Ronnie W.	Orange County District 2	10/12/2025
Vargas, Jennifer J.	Orange County District 1	6/24/2024
White, James A.	Orange County District 4	9/11/2024