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January 18, 2024

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

FROM: Cheryl J. Gillespie, Supervisor  
Agenda Development Office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CJG", written over the printed name of Cheryl J. Gillespie.

SUBJECT: Nominations for Library Board of Trustees  
**DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The Orange County Library Board of Trustees ("Library Board") is authorized by Chapter 80-555, Laws of Florida (codified and reenacted at Chapter 99-486, Laws of Florida). The Library Board consists of five members, two of whom are nominees of the City of Orlando and three of whom are nominees of Orange County. Appointments to the Library Board are made by the Library District Governing Board ("Governing Board"). The Governing Board is composed of the Board of County Commissioners and one member appointed by the Orlando City Council.

There is one vacancy on the Library Board for an Orange County representative due to the resignation of Lizannette Tam. In addition, the term of one of the Orange County representatives, Crockett Bohannon, expired on December 31, 2023. Mr. Bohannon is eligible for reappointment and would like to continue serving.

The following nominations have been received by the Agenda Development Office:

Commissioner Gomez Cordero: Crockett Bohannon  
Mayor Demings: Venessa M. Tomlin

A copy of Ms. Tomlin's advisory board application for appointment is attached for your review. I have also attached a list of the current members of the Library Board, as well as a list of all of the applications on file for the Library Board. Once nominations have been secured, the Board will convene as the Governing Board to make the appointments. Please let me know if you require further information.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Nominations of Orange County representatives to the Library Board of Trustees.**

Attachments

# Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 1/7/2024

**Application Number:** 89382

**Application Expires:** 1/7/2026

**Name:** Ms. Venessa M. Tomlin

**Business Address:**

9274 Juniper Moss Circle  
Orlando, FL 32832

**Home Address:**

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Orlando, FL 32832

**Mail Address:**

9274 Juniper Moss Circle  
Orlando, FL 32832

**Email Address:** vannie33@gmail.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(407) 415-5846

**Work Telephone Number:**

Not Listed

**Employer:** Stewart Title

**Job Title:** Quality Control Review Appraiser

**Years Employed:** 12

**Education:**

**School:** University of Florida

**Degree:** Not Listed

**Boards of Interest:**

Affordable Housing Advisory Board  
Library Board of Trustees  
Nuisance Abatement Board

**Licenses and Certificates:** Certified Residential Appraiser / RD6554

**Issue Date:** 2/13/2020

**Issuing Authority:** DBPR

**Disciplinary Action:** None

**From:** Not Listed

**To:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** Working to resolve issues for the betterment of the group/community is a daily task that is second nature to me due to my position as HOA President of my community, as well as my position as a review appraiser. My years of analyzing appraisal reports completed by my peers, and resolving community conflicts has shown me the importance of being fair and impartial, as well as direct and straightforward. The opportunity to assist others with achieving their dreams of homeownership and generational wealth would be an honor, as my immigrant parents taught me the importance of security by homeownership. The benefits to a family unit, children, and success is undeniable with a steady place to call home. Living in Lake Nona, my kids don't have the luxury of a community library which is so important to young minds (the excitement for our anticipated library is felt by many in our community). The library gives people a place of solace and growth. The many learning tools that a library provides to its members is imperative to children and adults from all walks of life. This is why I am so passionate about this opportunity.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Michael Dabby

**Phone Number:** (407) 628-8233

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Commerical Appraiser / Co-Worker

**Reference:** Azela Santana

**Phone Number:** (407) 405-8304

**Capacity/ Relationship:** PTA/SAC Hillcrest Elem /

**Professional Organizations:** Moss Park Preserve HOA Board Member - President

**From:** 08/2021

**To:** Current

**Professional Organizations:** Girl Scouts of Citrus Council - Troop #190

**From:** 08/2018

**To:** Current

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Female

**Date of Birth:**

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

**Resident Since:** 1995

**District:** Orange County District 4

**Disabled:** No

**Age:** 49

**Race:** Asian/Pacific Islander

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**CURRENT MEMBERS**

	<b><u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>ETH</u></b>	<b><u>GEND</u></b>	<b><u>DIST</u></b>
<b><u>Orange County</u></b>						
Crockett Bohannon	1/14/20	12/31/23	W	NH	M	4
Sharon C. Smoley	1/10/23	12/31/26	W	H	F	5
Lizannette Tam <b>[RESIGNED]</b>	1/12/21	12/31/24	O	H	F	4
<b><u>City of Orlando</u></b>						
Nicole Benjamin	4/9/19	12/31/25	B	*	F	1
Ashley C. Mejia	8/8/23	12/31/23	O	H	F	4

\*Not Listed

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**APPLICANTS**

<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>ETH</u></b>	<b><u>GEND</u></b>	<b><u>DIST</u></b>
Shana K. Carson	Kelley Carson Law, P.L.L.C./ Attorney, Owner	W	NH	F	3
Aaron D. Clevenger	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University/ Senior International Officer & Assistant Provost	W	NH	M	5
Deborah Coffy	University of Central Florida (Dr. Reshawna Chapple)/ Executive Assistant	B	NH	F	2
Danae M. Diaz	State of Florida/ Paralegal	W	H	F	4
Maria N. Guerrero	Women in the Arts, Inc./ Executive Director	O	H	F	1
Jeff Hogan	Valencia College/ Nursing and Allied Health Analyst (Currently serves on the Agricultural Advisory Board)	W	NH	M	2
France A. Lopez	Self Employed/ Attorney	O	H	F	4
Luis Martinez-Fernandez	University of Central Florida/ Pegasus Professor of History	*	H	M	1
Venessa M. Tomlin	Stewart Title/ Quality Control Review Appraiser	A/PI	NH	F	4
Jake White	Cops Direct/ Development Director	*	*	*	4

\*Not Listed