

**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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

**MISSION**

Makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the effective operation of special projects or uses of the tourist development tax revenue.

**STATUS OF VACANCIES**

There is one vacancy on this nine-member board in the elected municipal representative category due to the resignation of former Mayor Angie Gardner. The terms of Jonathan McGavin and John J. Stine expired on April 30, 2026.

**THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:**

Consideration of the reappointment of Jonathan McGavin in the owner or operator subject to the tax representative category and the appointment of Michael Tipton to succeed John J. Stine in the non-owner/operator representative category with terms expiring April 30, 2030 and the appointment of Mayor Ruthi Critton to succeed former Mayor Angie Gardner in the elected municipal official representative category with a term expiring April 30, 2029.

<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
Michael Tipton	Central Florida Fairgrounds/ President and Chief Executive Officer	5
Mayor Ruthi Critton	Town of Eatonville/Mayor	2

**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Michael Tipton:** Mr. Tipton is the president and chief executive officer of Central Florida Fairgrounds, where he has been employed for four years. He holds a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in modern languages from Florida State University. He is a member of the Rotary Club of College Park and Come Out With Pride Orlando.

**Mayor Ruthi Critton:** Mayor Critton is the newly elected mayor of the Town of Eatonville.

**CURRENT BOARD**

	<b><u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
<b><u>BCC Representative</u></b>			
Mayor Jerry L. Demings			
<b><u>Elected Municipal Officials</u></b>			
Mayor Buddy Dyer	08/05/03	04/30/27	
Mayor Angie Gardner [RESIGNED]	05/10/22	04/30/29	
<b><u>Owner/Operator of Motels, Hotels, Rec. Vehicle Parks/Other Tourist Accommodations (3)</u></b>			
Jodi Bainter	12/03/19	04/30/29	3
Jonathan McGavin	08/09/22	04/30/26	1
Frederick W. Sawyers	06/03/25	04/30/29	1
<b><u>Non-Owner/Operator (2)</u></b>			
Charles Hawkins II	05/23/23	04/30/29	6
John J. Stine	07/11/17	04/30/26	1
<b><u>Owner or Non-Owner (1)</u></b>			
Raman P. Rama	06/03/25	04/30/29	1

# Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 3/3/2026

**Application Number:** 97582

**Application Expires:** 3/3/2028

**Name:** Mr. Michael Tipton

**Business Address:**

4603 W. Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32808

**Home Address:**

1303 W. Princeton Street  
Orlando, FL 32804

**Mail Address:**

1303 W. Princeton Street  
Orlando, FL 32804

**Email Address:** mtipton5@gmail.com

**Home Telephone Number:**

(407) 639-9939

**Work Telephone Number:**

Not Listed

**Employer:** Central Florida Fairgrounds

**Job Title:** President & CEO

**Years Employed:** 4

**Education:**

**School:** Florida State University

**Degree:** M.A. Modern Languages

**School:** Florida State University

**Degree:** B.A.

**Boards of Interest:**

Tourist Development Council  
Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council  
Tourist Development Tax Grant Application Review Committee

**Licenses and Certificates:** Certified Venue Professional

**Issue Date:** 7/18/2018

**Issuing Authority:** International Association of Venue Manag

**Disciplinary Action:** Not Listed

**From:** Not Listed

**To:** Not Listed

**Licenses and Certificates:** Certified tehcnology Specialist

**Issue Date:** 3/21/2015

**Issuing Authority:** AVIXA

**Disciplinary Action:** Not Listed

**From:** Not Listed

**To:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** I have 30 years experience in Venue Management in various types of venues across the country. Performing Arts Centers, Arenas, COvention Centers, Fairgrounds and Expos.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Charles Roper

**Phone Number:** (407) 832-7767

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Chairman of our Board of Directors

**Reference:** Amy Stotler

**Phone Number:** (407) 620-9318

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Colleague

**Reference:** Virginia Fairchild  
**Phone Number:** (480) 357-7965  
**Capacity/ Relationship:** colleague and friend  
**Professional Organizations:** Rotary Club of College Park  
**From:** 2024  
**To:** present

**Professional Organizations:** Come Out With Pride Orlando  
**From:** 2025  
**To:** present

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Male

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

**Resident Since:** Unlisted

**District:** Orange County District 5

**Disabled:** No

**Race:** Caucasian

# Advisory Board Application for Appointment

**Date:** 4/2/2026

**Application Number:** 97902

**Application Expires:** 4/2/2028

**Name:** Ruthi Critton

**Business Address:**  
Not Listed

**Home Address:**  
527 Eaton Street  
Eatonville, FL 32751

**Mail Address:**  
527 Eaton Street  
Eatonville, FL 32751

**Email Address:** rcritton@townofeatonville.org

**Home Telephone Number:**  
(407) 446-1158

**Work Telephone Number:**  
(407) 623-8900

**Employer:** Town of Eatonville

**Job Title:** Mayor

**Years Employed:** Not Listed

**Education:**

**School:** Edgewater High School

**Degree:** High School Diploma

**Boards of Interest:**

Tourist Development Council

**Licences/Certificates Information:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** I am a lifetime Eatonville resident. I have seen good and bad. I know the value in the assets Eatonville holds and surrounding communities. As a lifelong Orange County resident, I have also seen how tourist dollars have had a direct impact on the county. Both these perspectives qualify me to sit on the Tourist Development Council.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Seccionie Davidson

**Phone Number:** (407) 269-2876

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Personal

**Reference:** Trinetta Fisher

**Phone Number:** (407) 994-5956

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Personal/Professional/Supervisory

**Reference:** Brittani Gragg

**Phone Number:** (901) 634-8059

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Personal/Professional

**Professional Organization Information:** Not Listed

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Resident Since:** 1989

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**District:** Orange County District 2

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Female

**Disabled:** No

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

**Race:** African American

**Current Applicants for the Tourist Development Council as of 4/15/2026**

<b>Name</b>	<b>District/County</b>	<b>Application Date</b>
Adetayo, Olukayode	Orange County District 4	10/9/2025
Cantilli, Octavian	Orange County District 3	11/21/2025
Critton, Ruthi	Orange County District 2	4/2/2026
Crown, Kathleen M.	Orange County District 3	8/14/2024
Diamond, Leopold A	Orange County District 6	9/15/2024
Elliott, Daniel James	Orange County District 5	5/10/2024
Forrest, David	Orange County District 5	8/14/2024
Hill, John	Orange County District 4	7/2/2024
Jaskiewicz, Christopher	Orange County District 5	3/2/2026
McGrael, Jonathan	Orange County District 1	8/14/2025
Miller, Terrence	Orange County District 6	1/9/2025
Rama, Raman P.	Orange County District 1	4/14/2025
Smith, Stefen	Orange County District 2	10/30/2024
Tipton, Michael	Orange County District 5	3/3/2026
Whitely, Patsy	Orange County District 2	12/16/2024
Whittemore, Alan D.	Orange County District 4	8/14/2024
Wood, Ella D.	Orange County District 5	1/31/2025