

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MMRB Liaison: Randy Ross, (407) 401-4409

MISSION

Studies potential uses of the Tourist Development Tax revenues and recommend allocation of county funding for arts and cultural affairs.

STATUS OF VACANCIES

There are no vacancies on this 13-member board. The terms of Jennifer Benton, Stephanie Lerret, Marjory Bonzil, Barbara B. Chandler, Roberto Gonzalez, David Forrest, and Brendan Lynch expire on June 30, 2026.

THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:

Consideration of the reappointment of Jennifer Benton in the District 1 representative category, Stephanie Lerret in the District 4 representative category, Marjory Bonzil in the District 6 representative category, Barbara B. Chandler in the Mayor’s representative category and the appointment of Maria F. Saavedra to succeed Roberto Gonzalez in the District 3 representative category with terms expiring June 30, 2028.

APPLICANT

OCCUPATION

DISTRICT

Maria F. Saavedra

Not Listed

1

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Maria F. Saavedra: Ms. Saavedra is a member of World Orlando. She has 35 years of experience teaching, producing, and promoting arts. She is currently serving on the Citizens’ Review Panel for Human Services.

CURRENT BOARD

	<u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
<u>Mayor</u> Barbara B. Chandler	03/11/25	06/30/26	5
<u>District 1</u> Jennifer Benton	08/08/23	06/30/26	1
<u>District 2</u> Brendan Lynch	05/07/24	06/30/26	5
<u>District 3</u> Roberto Gonzalez	09/22/20	06/30/26	3
<u>District 4</u> Stephanie Lerret	09/13/22	06/30/26	4
<u>District 5</u> David Forrest	11/19/24	06/30/26	5
<u>District 6</u> Marjory Bonzil	03/10/26	06/30/26	2
<u>University of Central Florida</u> Paul F. Lartonoix	06/04/24	06/30/27	5
<u>City of Orlando</u> Dawn Ofodile	10/14/25	06/30/27	5
<u>United Arts of Central Florida, Inc.</u> Elizabeth Gwinn	09/16/25	06/30/27	5
<u>Tourist Development Council</u> Quibulah Graham	11/19/24	06/30/27	6
<u>At Large</u> John Hall	06/03/25	06/30/27	5
<u>County Commissioner</u> Commissioner Nicole Wilson	08/26/25	06/30/27	

Advisory Board Application for Appointment

Date: 4/14/2025

Application Number: 94265

Application Expires: 4/14/2027

Name: Ms. Maria Fernanda Saavedra

Business Address:

Not Listed

Home Address:

10415 Jutland Court
Orlando, FL 32821

Mail Address:

Not Listed

Email Address: fundartistica@hotmail.com

Home Telephone Number:

(321) 946-1867

Work Telephone Number:

(321) 946-1867

Employer: Not Listed

Job Title: Not Listed

Education: Not Listed

Years Employed: Not Listed

Boards of Interest:

Community Action Board
Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services
Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council

Licences/Certificates Information: Not Listed

Personal History: I have 35 years of experience teaching, producing and promoting arts. I have been involved in arts and culture through non-profit organizations, grant evaluation, professional production and co production of events such as IMMERSE since 2014 and DTO since 2024, supporting local artists. I worked at the Colombia's Chancellery writing, developing and supporting projects in arts and culture for children, youth, women and community.

Prior Relationship with County: No

Explain Prior Relationship: Not Listed

Reference: Mayra Uribe

Phone Number: (407) 836-5140

Capacity/ Relationship: Commissioner D 3

Reference: Margarita Parra

Phone Number: (407) 782-2666

Capacity/ Relationship: Funder of Ser Colombia

Reference: Cole NeSmith

Phone Number: (407) 375-1172

Capacity/ Relationship: Funder of Creative City Project

Professional Organizations: World Orlando

From: 2021

To: Present

Professional Organizations: Hispanic American Professional and Business Women Assotiation (VP)

From: 2021

To: 2023

Orange County Resident: Yes

Resident Since: Unlisted

Registered Voter: Yes

District: Orange County District 1

Previously Served On: Arts & CultureDEI Committee 2022 - Present

Year Previously Served: 4

Disabled: Yes

Current Applicants for the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council as of 5/1/2026

Name	District/County	Application Date
Acquah, Wisdom Kwame	Orange County District 1	5/7/2025
Aguirre, Diana	Orange County District 2	2/12/2025
Andrews, Ameeta T.	Orange County District 6	8/22/2024
Atterbury, Erica	Orange County District 6	8/13/2025
Banks, Alycia C.	Orange County District 5	1/8/2025
Bellizio, Anthony Tadeo	Orange County District 5	11/13/2024
Byers, James "Chip"	Orange County District 1	1/5/2025
Byers, James	Orange County District 1	12/23/2025
Colon, Gil	Orange County District 5	8/14/2024
Cover, Frank	Lake County	7/24/2025
Crown, Kathleen M.	Orange County District 3	8/14/2024
De Paula, Luccas A.	Orange County District 6	2/22/2026
Dingley, Toni M.	Orange County District 5	10/2/2025
Gay, Aminah A.	Orange County District 6	5/23/2024
Geller, Edward M.	Orange County District 5	1/4/2026
Golis, Tasha M.	Orange County District 3	2/5/2026
Gonzalez, Arianna M.	Orange County District 6	10/7/2025
Gwinn, Elizabeth Harris	Orange County District 5	7/15/2024
Hazelitt, Alina M.	Orange County District 5	9/16/2025
Hogan, Ha'ani J.	Orange County District 3	3/3/2026
King, Charles R.	Seminole County	7/22/2025
Lang, Ydalmis	Orange County District 3	6/24/2025
Lewis, Aaron E.	Orange County District 5	11/2/2024
Miller, Terrence	Orange County District 6	1/9/2025
Palmer, Anika	Orange County District 1	12/10/2024
Pewitt, Michael Thomas	Orange County District 1	3/23/2026
Rivera, Marcelino	Orange County District 6	12/7/2024
Saavedra, Maria Fernanda	Orange County District 1	4/14/2025
Sadiq, Zoe C.	Orange County District 3	7/13/2024
Sullivan, Erin M	Orange County District 3	9/11/2025
Tao, Yifan "Jack"	Orange County District 1	11/26/2024
Teel, Sade N.	Orange County District 5	1/13/2025
Tipton, Michael	Orange County District 5	3/3/2026
Vargas, Jennifer J.	Orange County District 1	6/24/2024
Washington, Nichole L.	Orange County District 6	5/20/2025
Whitely, Patsy	Orange County District 2	12/16/2024
Whittemore, Alan D.	Orange County District 4	8/14/2024