

**CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN**  
**MMRB Liaison: Meka Beacham, (407) 405-2943**

**MISSION**

Collects information and data on the needs of children and families in Orange County and advises the Citizens' Commission for Children Division on resources for children, youth, and families.

**STATUS OF VACANCIES**

There are three vacancies on this 15-member board due to term expirations of Shannon Hesse, Tadar Muhammad, and Madeline Plumey-Cruz.

**THE MMRB RECOMMENDS:**

Consideration of the appointment of Mildred "Milly" Dawson to succeed Shannon G. Hesse in the at large representative category with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

| <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> |
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| Mildred "Milly" Dawson  | Self-Employed/Writer,<br>Editor, and Content Creator | O                  | NH                 | F                 | 5                  |

**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Mildred "Milly" Dawson:** Ms. Dawson is a self-employed writer, editor, and content creator with 46 years of experience. She has a master's degree in developmental psychology from Tufts University and a master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She is a member of Toastmasters International.

**CURRENT BOARD**

|  | <b><u>ORIGINAL<br/>APPOINTMENT</u></b> | <b><u>TERM<br/>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>At Large</u></b>   |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Madeleine Plumey-Cruz  | 09/22/20                               | 12/31/24                       | *                  | H                  | F                 | 4                  |
| Tadar Muhammad   | 03/12/19                               | 12/31/24                       | B                  | NH                 | M                 | 4                  |
| Willie J. Montague, Ph.D.  | 03/11/25                               | 12/31/26                       | B                  | NH                 | M                 | 6                  |
| Giuvanna Corona  | 09/14/21                               | 12/31/25                       | A/PI               | NH                 | F                 | 3                  |
| Leo A. Robinson  | 02/06/24                               | 12/31/25                       | AI/A               | NH                 | M                 | 5                  |
| Talia P. Decant  | 06/06/23                               | 12/31/25                       | W                  | H                  | F                 | 3                  |
| Marquitta Caesar   | 09/14/21                               | 12/31/26                       | B                  | NH                 | F                 | 4                  |
| Shannon Hesse  | 09/14/21                               | 12/31/24                       | W                  | NH                 | F                 | 5                  |
| David M. Grimm   | 09/14/21                               | 12/31/24                       | W                  | NH                 | M                 | 4                  |
| <b><u>Mayor or County Commissioner</u></b>                         |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Commissioner Michael "Mike" Scott                                  | 01/10/23                               | 12/31/26                       |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| <b><u>Orange County Superintendent or Designee</u></b>             |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Harold Border, Ed.D.   | 10/25/22                               | 12/31/26                       |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| <b><u>Local School Board Member</u></b>                            |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Vicki-Elaine Felder  | 02/20/23                               | 12/31/26                       |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| <b><u>DCF District Administrator or Designee</u></b>               |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Tina Morgan  | 11/09/22                               | 12/31/26                       |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| <b><u>Juvenile Court Judge</u></b>                                 |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Judge Alicia L. Latimore   | 10/25/22                               | 12/31/26                       |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| <b><u>Orange County Health Department Director or Designee</u></b> |  |                                |                    |                    |                   |                    |
| Penny R. Smith, R.N.   | 10/07/21                               | 12/31/26                       |                    |                    |                   |                    |

\*Not Listed

## **Advisory Board Application for Appointment**

**Date:** 4/25/2025

**Application Number:** 94382

**Application Expires:** 4/25/2027

**Name:** Ms. Mildred (aka Milly) Leinweber Dawson

**Business Address:**

808 Brightwater Circle  
Maitland, FL 32751

**Home Address:**

808 Brightwater Circle  
Maitland, FL 32751

**Mail Address:**

808 Brightwater Circle  
Maitland, FL 32751

**Email Address:** MILLYDAWSON@GMAIL.COM

**Home Telephone Number:**

(407) 970-2639

**Work Telephone Number:**

(407) 970-2639

**Employer:** I have a home-based business at the above address.

**Job Title:** Writer, Editor, Content Creator

**Years Employed:** 46

**Education:**

**School:** Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

**Degree:** Masters in Public Health

**School:** Tufts University

**Degree:** Masters in Developmental Psychology

**Boards of Interest:**

Citizens' Commission for Children  
Environmental Protection Commission  
Children and Family Services Board

**Licences/Certificates Information:** Not Listed

**Personal History:** I am a professional medical & public health communicator interested in serving on boards that deal with the environment, the needs of children, families & seniors, & in mental health. Currently working as a medical writer, I cover ways to improve the health of people & the planet; to boost happiness, health & prosperity for communities as a whole, not just individuals. I have a Masters in Science in psychology from Tufts & a Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins. I worked as Senior Editor in the communications department at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Since moving to Florida in 1996, I've been working as a freelance writer. I have lots of public speaking experience, especially through Toastmasters. I've addressed many business groups & political gatherings. For example, I was a featured speaker at the grand opening of Obama's Orlando campaign office in 2008, which had hundreds of attendees. My husband & I have contributed heavily to conservation groups including the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, Audubon Society, & and the Florida Trail Association. I support smart growth. Until moving to Florida at age 40, I did not own a car. I lived in walkable cities, NY, Boston, Washington, & Stockholm, places rich in parks & lively street life. All had dense housing at varied price points in mixed use neighborhoods, vibrant cultural scenes & good transit. Orange County is, of course, unique. Yet there are valuable lessons to be learned from older cities. Orange County is among the nation's fastest growing counties, with terrific assets and even stronger potential. I'm excited about the opportunity to help that potential be realized. I hope to help Orange County become the most walkable, welcoming, desirable & yet affordable place to live that it can be, for people of all income levels, backgrounds & stages of life.

**Prior Relationship with County:** No

**Explain Prior Relationship:** Not Listed

**Reference:** Renee Elder Goldsmith

**Phone Number:** (919) 673-6015

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Managing editor, known 5 years

**Reference:** Priscilla Azzolini

**Phone Number:** (407) 271-3900

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Fellow Toastmaster, known 11 years

**Reference:** Daniel Wise

**Phone Number:** (407) 383-5380

**Capacity/ Relationship:** Friend, known for 30+ years

**Professional Organizations:** Toastmasters International

**From:** 2004

**To:** Present

**Professional Organizations:** Temple Israel

**From:** 1996

**To:** Present

**Orange County Resident:** Yes

**Registered Voter:** Yes

**Previously Served On:** Unlisted

**Year Previously Served:** Unlisted

**Gender:** Female

**Date of Birth:** 9/8/1955

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

**Resident Since:** 1996

**District:** Orange County District 5

**Disabled:** No

**Age:** 69

**Race:** Other

**Current Applicants for the Citizens' Commission for Children as of 5/1/2025**

| Name                                  | Sex      | Race             | Hispanic Origin | District/County          | Application Date |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Bailey, Melissa                       | F        | Caucasian        | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 4 | 5/17/2023        |
| Brantley, Victoria M.                 | F        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 3 | 6/10/2024        |
| Chapman, Deshawn                      | F        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 3/28/2025        |
| Dawson, Kyle William                  | Unlisted | Caucasian        | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 5 | 8/29/2023        |
| Dawson, Mildred (aka Milly) Leinweber | F        | Other            | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 5 | 4/25/2025        |
| Durant, Christopher                   | M        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 1/12/2024        |
| Elzie, Bobby                          | M        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 8/15/2024        |
| Fisher, Tatianna D.                   | F        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 1 | 1/22/2024        |
| Fox-Peters, Echo Melissa              | F        | Caucasian        | Not Hispanic    | Osceola County           | 5/26/2023        |
| Jette, Susy                           | F        | Other            | Hispanic        | Orange County District 5 | 5/17/2023        |
| Martin, Artilla E.                    | F        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 6/23/2024        |
| Moncion, Amy N.                       | F        | Caucasian        | Hispanic        | Orange County District 3 | 6/5/2023         |
| Nemes, Sarah                          | F        | Caucasian        | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 4 | 8/15/2023        |
| Poinsette, Mia                        | F        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Other                    | 6/4/2024         |
| Sadiq, Zoe C.                         | F        | Caucasian        | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 7/13/2024        |
| Sangster, Tino                        | M        | African American | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 5/6/2024         |
| Summersill, Marsha D.                 | F        | Caucasian        | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 1/2/2025         |
| Tompkins, Keyaria                     | F        | Other            | Not Hispanic    | Orange County District 2 | 2/8/2024         |
| White, James A.                       | Unlisted | Unlisted         | Unlisted        | Orange County District 4 | 2/2/2024         |