

**Hillsborough County News**  
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**Hillsborough Commissioners Seek Applications for Citizen Boards and Councils – Applications are due by close of business on June 4, 2024.**

Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking residents to serve on several County citizen advisory boards and councils. Residents interested in seeking appointment must reside in and be registered voters in Hillsborough County. These are voluntary positions and members serve without compensation. Applicants may apply to more than one board but may only serve on one board at a time unless specifically approved by the BOCC.

All applicants must submit a completed *Questionnaire for County Appointments* and a *Standards of Conduct form*. Additional requirements are in the information that follows.

Forms are available on the County's website [HCFL.gov](#). Type on the search box [Announcement & Forms](#) to find the forms to download.

**All forms must be signed and dated, and all questions must be answered in entirety to be eligible. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

If you apply to a board that requires a background check, you will be provided with a link to complete the online background check process. A response within 72 hours is required at which time the link will expire.

The application is **due by close of business on June 4, 2024**. Appointments will be scheduled for a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in **June or July 2024**.

**Forms can be –**

- Mailed to:** P. O. Box 1110, Tampa, FL 33601
- Faxed to:** 813-239-3916
- Emailed to:** [Rotgerg@HCFL.gov](mailto:Rotgerg@HCFL.gov)
- Delivered to:** 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tampa 33602

**ANTI-BULLYNG ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This Committee was created to provide advice and recommendations to curb and eliminate all forms of bullying throughout Hillsborough County, Florida.

One term will expire. Term is for three years. Positions are specified as: 1) representative from a child welfare advocacy organization.

Appointment to this board is contingent upon passing a background check. Applicants will be contacted by Total Insight Screening with a link to complete the online

background check. A response within 72 hours is required at which time the link will expire.

This committee is subject to the Sunshine Law – F.S. 286.001.

Meeting schedule: Every other month, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

### **BUILDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS & EXAMINERS**

This board confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for building certification in the County, and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Building Code

Two positions are vacant. Terms for members are four years, and two years for alternates. The positions are specified as: 1) swimming pool contractor; 2) representative who has extensive knowledge and experience in the building trades such as concrete, masonry, steel, and wood framing.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure. Citizens appointed to this board must reside in the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County.

Meeting schedule: Monthly, 3rd Tuesday, 9 AM

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

This Board has jurisdiction to hear violations of all codes and ordinances of Hillsborough County with most cases arising out of violations of the County's housing, building, zoning, and sign codes and ordinances to maintain minimum health and safety standards.

Four positions are vacant. Terms are for three years. After two consecutive terms, a member shall not be eligible for reappointment until one calendar year has elapsed from the date of termination of the second term. Positions are specified as members and an alternate.

Consideration for appointment shall be given to representatives from the following fields: an architect; a businessperson; an engineer; a general contractor; a subcontractor; and a realtor.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure. Citizens appointed to this board must reside in the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County.

Meeting schedule: Monthly, generally 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 9:00 a.m.

## **COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The purpose of this Commission is to promote public awareness of the existence of human trafficking within Hillsborough County; Establish, through relationship building within the community, educational programming opportunities for the public and key industries to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and learn to report suspected human trafficking; and advocate strategies, financially and otherwise, to aid rescued victims of human trafficking, and support local and statewide efforts to identify opportunities for positive impact and improved outcomes for victims and service providers through data collection, sharing, and analysis.

Two vacant positions. Terms are for two years. Positions are specified as: 1) a religious institution representative and 2) human trafficking community advocate.

Meeting schedule: Bi-monthly, 1:00 PM

## **CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW CONTROL BOARD**

This Board assists the plumbing official, the water purveyor, and the health officer in the enforcement of Hillsborough County regulations; hears citizen complaints concerning the Ordinance and associated regulations, and when appropriate, makes recommendations to the BOCC regarding changes to the regulations; and serves as an appeals board from any decision, ruling, or determination of the inspection agency involved in the enforcement of the Ordinance and associated regulations.

Two positions are vacant. Terms are for four years. Positions are specified as: 1) a irrigation contracting community representative; 2) a fire system contracting industry representative

Meeting schedule: Quarterly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 1:00 p.m.

## **ELECTRICAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS**

This Board confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for electrical certification in the County and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Electrical Code.

One alternate position is vacant. Alternate term is for two years and member terms are for four years. Positions are specified as: 1) alternate members with knowledge and experience in the technical codes of this board.

Citizens appointed to the board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure.

Meeting schedule: Quarterly. Date and time to be determined.

## **HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD**

This Board improves accessibility and efficiency of care for medically poor residents of Hillsborough County through recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for fund allocation, coordination, planning, and monitoring of health care delivery systems.

One term will expire. One position is vacant. Terms are for four years. Positions are specified as: 1) At-Large Representative 2) Participant in the Hillsborough County Indigent Health Care Plan

Meeting schedule: Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

### **HEALTH COUNCIL OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.**

This Council works in collaboration with community-based organizations to identify, address, and resolve health care issues of local concern. The Council collects and analyzes health care data, prepares special reports and publications, and educates the community about special health issues.

Two positions are vacant. Terms are for two years. Positions are specified as: 1) a health care purchaser – an individual or an authorized member of an organization or agency who is responsible for the purchase of health services for a group of 25 or more individuals either directly or through acquisition of health insurance coverage; and 2) a health care provider.

Meeting schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, every other month, 3:30 p.m. This Council meets in rotating counties of the 5-county planning district.

### **HISTORIC RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD**

This Board serves as an architectural review board for the protection of historic resources in Unincorporated Hillsborough County. It recommends archaeological and historical sites to the Board of County Commissioners for landmark designation and reviews alterations and new construction on landmark sites or districts.

Five positions are vacant, and one term will expire. Terms are for three years. Positions are specified as: 1) an architect licensed to practice in the State of Florida; 2) historian; 3) an anthropologist or archaeologist; 4) planner or landscape Architect or Real Estate Developer or Broker, licensed to Practice in the State of Florida; 5) lay person with a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation; 6) an alternate with a demonstrated interest, competence, and knowledge in historic preservation;

Citizens appointed to the board must reside in the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County.

Meeting schedule: Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.

### **HISTORICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

This Council's primary mission is to support and facilitate a uniform historical marker program throughout the County, including the cities of Tampa, Plant City, and Temple Terrace as well as organizations and other agencies who request assistance. It also provides the BOCC with support that complements the goals of historical preservation and education in Hillsborough County.

One term will expire. Term is for three years. No member shall serve for more than two full consecutive terms. More than one-half of a term is deemed to be service for a full term. A member who has served two full consecutive terms shall be eligible for reappointment after at least three years of non-membership.

All members shall possess expertise in significant and relevant historical matters. In making appointments, due consideration shall be given to achieving a demographic balance among the appointed.

Meeting schedule: Quarterly, 4:30 p.m.

### **HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**

This Authority was created in 1985 to provide incentives to the private sector to relieve the shortage of affordable housing in Hillsborough County. Through partnerships with lenders, builders, and developers, the Authority has assisted thousands of first-time home-buyers through mortgage loan programs, which offer below-market mortgage rates and innovative down payment assistance programs. The Authority has also assisted renters through its Multi-Family Bond programs which feature below-market rental rates to lower income individuals and families

One term will expire. Term is for four years.

Meeting Schedule: Monthly, generally 2nd Friday, 9:30 AM

### **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD**

This Authority monitors the lease entered into in 1997 with Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., which permits FHSC to occupy the Authority's Davis Island property and transfers ownership and operation of Tampa General Hospital.

One position is vacant, and five positions are expiring. Terms are for four years.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure.

Meeting Schedule: TBD

### **HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD**

This Board encourages equality among all people by reviewing complaints filed under Hillsborough County's Human Rights Ordinance which promotes fair treatment and equal opportunity for people regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identification or expression.

Three positions are vacant, and two terms will expire. Terms are for three years. Members may not be appointed to serve more than two full consecutive terms. Consideration for membership shall be given to representatives from the following fields: retail merchandising management; industrial management; real estate sales; property leasing; mortgage financing; law enforcement; or labor council.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure.

Meeting schedule: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Noon.

### **LAND USE APPEALS BOARD**

This Board hears appeals of decisions of the Land Use Hearing Officer on special use permits and variances from zoning regulations.

Two member position are vacant, and one member term will expire. Terms are for three years. Positions are specified as: 1) Developer active in development in Hillsborough County or a duly licensed general contractor (Class A) active in business in Hillsborough County; 2 & 3) Member of Civic Organization in Hillsborough County

Consideration for membership shall be given to representatives of the following: an attorney with at least five years of experience practicing in Hillsborough County who has been admitted to the Florida Bar for not less than five years; a landscape architect or architect registered to practice in the state of Florida; a business owner or operator in unincorporated Hillsborough County; a professional planner with not less than three years of experience in land use planning or zoning in Hillsborough County; a civil or environmental engineer registered to practice in the state of Florida; and a developer active in development in Hillsborough County or a duly licensed general contractor (Class A) active in a business in Hillsborough County.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure. Citizens appointed to this board must reside in the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County.

Meeting schedule: Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1:30 p.m., as needed.

### **MECHANICAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS**

This Board confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for mechanical certification in the County and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Mechanical Code.

Three positions are vacant. Member terms are for four years. Alternate member terms are for two years. Positions are specified as: 1) Member – sheet metal contractor; 2) Member - a Class “A” HVAC contractor; and 3) Alternate Member - knowledgeable and experienced in the technical codes of this board.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure.

Meeting schedule: Quarterly, Date and time to be determined.

### **PLUMBING AND GAS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS**

This Board governs the certification and/or compliance standards for plumbing and gas contractors doing work in Hillsborough County and enforces adherence to the standards set by the Plumbing and Gas Code. The board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the jurisdiction that choose to use the County’s boards and enter an interlocal agreement with Hillsborough County.

Three positions are vacant. Terms are for two years. Positions are specified as alternates engineer, master plumber and journeyman plumber or natural gas installer.

Citizens appointed to this board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure.

Meeting schedule: Quarterly, Date and time to be determined.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

This 12-member Board, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, serves in an advisory capacity to the Library Director regarding the operation of the Tampa - Hillsborough County Public Library, including future planning and policy developments.

One position is vacant from Commission District 1. The term is for three years and will be effective in September 2024. Members shall have some background/experience in business, law, government, or other civic activity and have demonstrated leadership in the community. Participation in at least one committee may be required.

Appointment to this board is contingent upon passing a background check. Applicants will be contacted by Total Insight Screening with a link to complete the online background check. A response within 72 hours is required at which time the link will expire.

Meeting schedule: Monthly, 4th Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

### **VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

This Board was created by F.S. 194 to provide citizens a forum to address complaints when they believe the Property Appraiser has over assessed their property or improperly denied an exemption or classification, or the Tax Collector improperly denied a tax deferral. The Board hires qualified attorneys and appraisers to conduct hearings on these complaints and make recommendations. The Board meets to act on these recommendations.

One term will expire. Term is for one year. Position is specified as a citizen who owns a homesteaded property in Hillsborough County. Citizen members shall be appointed in a manner to avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest. (Florida Administrative Code 12D-9.004(1)(c)4).

Citizen members must not be a member or employee of any taxing authority in this state and may not be a person who represents property owners, property appraisers, tax collectors, or taxing authorities in any administrative or judicial review of property taxes.

Meeting schedule: Five to seven times per year. Date and time to be determined.