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Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #28583

Date Submitted: 4/10/2025

Last Name*

Gittings

First Name*

Taurie

District # You Live In.*

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Home Address*

7530 Buchanan

City*

Street

State*

FL

Zip Code*

33024

Home Phone

Cell Phone

7862905574

Email Address*

taurie.gittings@gmail.com

Owner or Renter *

Owner

Number of years as city resident*

11 years

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Masters Degree

Occupation*

Professor

Work Phone

3052378101

Business Name*

Miami Dade College

Business Address

3800 NW 115th Ave

City

DORAL

State

FL

Zip Code

33178

Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)

Selection (1)*

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board



Selection (2)*

Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board



Selection (3)*

Artwork Selection Committee



Selection (4)*

None



Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, • Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, • Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

African American Advisory Council - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

Artwork Selection Committee - Questions*

I am interesting in understanding how city government works and how I as a community member can use my areas of expertise to enhance my neighborhood and city. I teach Art Appreciation course at Miami Dade College and Broward College. I am a local artisan.

My journey began with theater training and has expanded to include leading community initiatives like the Summer H.E.Art Program, which combines arts and humanities education. I'm deeply committed to cultural enrichment and arts access, and I'd bring that same dedication and perspective to a city artwork selection board.

I am available to meet on the second Monday of each month for meetings. My highest area of interest in art integration in community spaces.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

Civil Service Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

Community Development Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at www.hollywoodfl.org on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

Education Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

Firefighters' Pension Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3. What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5. How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

Hispanic Affairs Council*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the Hispanic Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to HACA initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? Education, Employment, Economics, Cultural Awareness, Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? Education, Employment, Economics, Cultural Awareness, Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

Historic Preservation Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Property Management, * Affordable Housing Administration, * Housing Market Stability, * Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Property Management, * Rental Housing Affordability, * Housing Market Stability, * New Housing Construction, * Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

Marine Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions*

I have attended 3 park and athletic facility events. events in the past year. I have attended 3 city sponsored special events in the past year. I am available for meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month. I am most interested in events geared to kids and the youth in our city. I'm deeply committed to cultural enrichment and arts access, and I'd bring that same dedication and perspective to a city advisory board for art and culture. I am a steward for 2 little free libraries and I serve on the Steering Committee for an Andrew Mellon Foundation grant.

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

Planning & Development Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions*

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2. Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions*

I am interesting in understanding how city government works and how I as a community member can use my areas of expertise to enhance my neighborhood and city, I have attended 3 ArtsPark events in the past year, As a professor of Humanities, Art, and Theatre, I attend local art gallery events, theatre productions, and music shows. I sponsor a Creative Arts Club at my job. I am available to attend meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. I most enjoy the Friday Fun nights.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?*

Yes



If so, how many?*

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Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?*

N/A

Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

No



If yes, please describe

Website information is not current for the committee meetings and minutes- So I have not attended. I am willing an able to attend any meetings before appointment- if updated information is provided

If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.*

Art Selection- I am a professor of art history and appreciation.

Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.*

I'm an award-winning educator and passionate advocate for the arts based in South Florida. As a Sr. Associate Professor of Humanities at Miami Dade College, I teach courses in art, cinema, and theatre, drawing from my background in Interdisciplinary Arts.

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

No



If so, in what capacity?*

N/A

Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)*

Resume Taurie.docx

TAURIE DENISE GITTINGS-WHEELER

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ACADEMIC DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN ART AND VISUAL MEDIA

Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio, US

May 2014

Relevant Coursework

Classic Hollywood Cinema

Women and Art

Art of the Graphic Novel

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US

August 2008

Relevant Coursework

Cinematherapy

Art of Words

Theatre Arts Leadership

Awards & Honors

Magna Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN THEATRE

Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, FL, US

April 1999

Awards & Honors

Magna Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SENIOR

Miami Dade College West, Liberal Arts

Doral, FL

August 2013 - Present

- Designed course content for a variety of topics related to education studies.
- Reviewed grant proposals submitted by faculty members seeking external funding support.
- Facilitated faculty workshops on effective pedagogical approaches for online instruction.
- Participated in university committees focused on curriculum development, assessment practices, and program initiatives.
- Created innovative teaching strategies to engage students with different learning styles.
- Evaluated student performance through assessments such as exams, papers, and presentations.

- Delivered lectures at national conferences on various aspects of higher education policy and practice.
- Organized and coordinated multiple travel itineraries for groups of up to 15 people.

- Created a safe learning environment for students to explore their creativity and express themselves through visual arts.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR Broward College South Campus, Art & Humanities
Pembroke Pines, FL

January 2024 - Present

- Designed course content for a variety of topics related to education studies.
- Created a safe learning environment for students to explore their creativity and express themselves through visual arts.

ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR Broward County Public Schools, Flanagan High School
Pembroke Pines, FL

August 2012 - June 2013

- Developed and adapted curriculum to encompass English reading, writing, and comprehension skills.
- Encouraged critical thinking skills by posing open-ended questions during class activities.
- Taught skills in English grammar and syntax, vocabulary, and proper word usage.

ENGLISH/DRAMA INSTRUCTOR Broward County Public Schools, Nova High School
Davie, FL

August 2010 - June 2012

- Collaborated with colleagues on curriculum design and implementation processes.
- Assessed student progress by administering tests, quizzes, and other evaluation techniques.
- Assigned literature and textbook reading to students, maximizing learning opportunities.
- Taught skills in English grammar and syntax, vocabulary, and proper word usage.

SKILLS

- Creative Instruction Style
- Instructional Design
- Learning Management Interfaces
- Theatre Experience
- Curriculum Development
- Student-Centered Learning
- Fundraising
- Educational Tours

CERTIFICATIONS

ACUE Effective Online Teaching Practices
Miami Dade College - Honors College

Quality Matters Teaching Online
Miami Dade College - Student Life Skills

REFERENCES

Glenda Phipps — Miami Dade College - Padron Campus
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FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD TRIPS

2023 Venice, Florence, Rome
2019 Paris, Florence, and Rome
2018 Greece and Italy
2017 London, Paris, Florence, and Rome
2016 Italy and Greece

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

Miami Dade College Conference Day, Student-Created OER Content as a High-Impact Teaching Practice, 2023
"Bridging the Humanities from the Classroom to the Profession," NISOD 2022
"OER-ishment" Affordable Learning Materials FL-OER Summit, 2022
Bridging Humanities from the Classroom to the Profession. Humanities Education and Research Association, HERA, 2021
Representation, Identity, and Diversity of The Black Family in Art (February 2021). Virtual MDC Presentation
National Humanities Conference 2019

DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE SERVICE

Affordable Learning Community Committee member 2020- present
Faculty Lead, Andrew Mellon Foundation grant, The Humanities Edge 2018 - present
Steering Committee, Andrew Mellon Foundation grant, The Humanities Edge grant 2018 - present
Learning Management System (LMS) Selection Committee, 2021
Creative Arts Club Advisor, West Campus, 2020 - present
Creative Arts Club Advisor, Padron Campus 2016- 2019
Black Heritage Month Committee Chairperson, Padron Campus, 2014 - 2017; 2019
College Academic and Student Support Council (CASSC) Chairperson, 2016

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ OUTREACH

Little Free Library Steward, Charter #188856. Tails & Trails Dog Park, Doral, FL
Little Free Library Steward, Charter #158401. MDC West Campus
Downtown Doral Charter School Career Day, January 2023

AWARDS

2024-2025 Fulbright Awardee
2024 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award
2023 AT&T II Endowed Teaching Chair, Miami Dade College
2017 Advisor of the Year, Creative Arts Club, Miami Dade College Padron Campus

TEACHING AREAS/COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Arts & Humanities Study Abroad
Art Appreciation
Art Appreciation MDC Online
Cinema Appreciation
Humanities
Theatre Appreciation
Theatre Appreciation MDC Online

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Florida Colleges
United Faculty of Miami Dade College