

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD

MARION COUNTY BCC

APPLICATION DATE: September 26, 2025

BOARD NAME: Tourist Development Council

SEP 20 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Sarah Thacker
Occupation: Senior Director of Sales - World Equestrian Center
If Retired, previous occupation: N/A
Address: 581 NW 82nd Court
City: Ocala State: FL ZIP: 34482
Phone#: (859) 803-7261
E-mail Address: Sarah.Thacker @wec.net

MAILING ADDRESS (If different from residence):

Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Is your address or any other personal information exempt under Florida Statute 119.07? Yes ____ No X
If yes, please submit a signed Marion County Public Records Act Exempt Form (available upon request).

What is your preferred form of communication? Phone X Mail ____ Email X

The following data is collected in accordance with Florida Statute, Section 760.80, for the purpose of statistical reporting and ensuring compliance with diversity and inclusion guidelines. Your responses will be kept confidential and will not affect your application.

Gender: Male ____ Female X Prefer not to disclose ____

Physically Disabled: Yes ____ No X Prefer not to disclose ____

Race: African-American ____ Native-American ____ Caucasian X Other ____
Hispanic/Latino ____ Asian -American ____ Prefer not to disclose ____

Are you a registered voter? Yes X No ____

Do you own homestead property in Marion County? Yes ____ No X

Are you employed by Marion County or have relatives that are Marion County employees? Yes ____ No X
If yes, please provide position, department and/or relationship to County employee and their position/department

Do you currently work for an entity or agency that either receives funding from, or has a contract with the County to perform services? Yes ___ No X

Are you, your spouse, or children, currently an officer, director, or partner in any entity or agency that receives funding from, or has a contract with the county? Yes ___ No X

If yes, please submit a signed **FORM 4a - Disclosure of Business Transaction, Relationship, or Interest**. (Available upon request).

Have you been convicted (including a withholding of adjudication), pled guilty or pled to a Nolo Contendere (no contest) to a misdemeanor or felony (including a criminal traffic violation)? Yes ___ No X

A 'YES' answer will not automatically disqualify you from serving on an advisory board. The nature, severity, and date of the offense will be considered in relation to the position. If unsure about the details of a criminal case, contact the relevant agency to ensure accuracy when reporting your history. Failure to do so may result in removal from the board. If you answered 'YES,' please provide details. You may use an additional sheet if needed.

WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS/THESE BOARDS?

(Include current or previous work experience; community involvement; interests/activities)

With passion and dedication for tourism, I am committed to bringing the World Equestrian Center's education, experiences, and opportunities to the community showcasing all the benefits we have to offer and inspiring visitors to discover everything we represent. I want to serve as a true partner supporting the TDC's initiatives while always being an asset to the council and the community it represents.

SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS

Do you currently serve on any other boards in Florida, or are you an elected or appointed state, county (Marion County or other county) or municipal ("city") office holder? Yes ___ No X

If yes, which board? _____

(Important: You may not serve on more than one (1) Substantive Board: Board of Adjustment; Code Enforcement Board; License Review Board; Land Development Regulation Commission; Historical Commission; Hospital District Board of Trustees; Housing Finance Authority; Industrial Development Authority; Tourist Development Council; Parks and Recreation Advisory Council)

Have you ever served on a City or County advisory board? Yes X No ___

If yes, when, where and which board(s)? Lexington, Kentucky, Department of Tourism, 2024

REFERENCES - Please list three (3) personal and/or business references

(PLEASE DO NOT USE COMMISSIONERS or COUNTY ADMINISTRATION STAFF as REFERENCES)

Name: Amy Domino
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Name: Michelle Travis
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Name: Joe Donnelly
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

INITIAL: S.T. I authorize Marion County to contact my references and I understand that all statements made on this application may be verified by Marion County.

INITIAL: S.T. I understand the responsibilities associated with being a board member, and I have adequate time to serve if appointed.

INITIAL: S.T. I agree to complete training within six (6) months from the date of my appointment.

INITIAL: S.T. I understand that submitting this application makes all provided information public record, subject to disclosure under applicable laws unless exempt under Florida Statute 119.071. I confirm the accuracy of all details provided and their suitability for public release.

By signing this application, I certify that the information I provided in this application is true and correct, and that any misstatements or material omissions on my application may result in my removal from my appointed position.

SIGN: Sarah Thacker

DATE: September 26, 2025

PRINT: Sarah Thacker

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RECEIVED BY BCC:

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This application will be kept on file for a period of one year from date of receipt by the Board of County Commissioners.

RETURN FORM TO:

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

Or via email to: Commissionadmin@marionfl.org

PLEASE CALL THE COMMISSION OFFICE AT (352) 438-2323 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION.