

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD

APPLICATION DATE: 3/26/26

MARION COUNTY BCC

BOARD NAME: Housing Finance Authority (HFA)

MAR 30 2026

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: William John Mess (Bill)  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Retired, previous occupation: Assisted Living Administrator  
Address: 7073 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Circle  
City: Ocala State: FL ZIP: 34480  
Phone#: 727 798 4684  
E-mail Address: MESSWJ@hotmail.com

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from residence):

Address: SAME  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is your preferred form of communication? Phone \_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_ Email

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 \_\_\_ Prefer not to disclose \_\_\_  
Physically Disabled: Yes \_\_\_ No  Prefer not to disclose \_\_\_  
Race: African-American \_\_\_ Native-American \_\_\_ Caucasian  Other \_\_\_  
Hispanic/Latino \_\_\_ Asian -American \_\_\_ Prefer not to disclose \_\_\_

Are you a registered voter? Yes  No \_\_\_

Do you own homestead property in Marion County? Yes  No \_\_\_

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

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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

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

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

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)

I like to give back to my community.

**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

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  No

If yes, when, where and which board(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name: Stan Hanson  
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Tim Dean  
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jon Barber  
Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

INITIAL: WJ I understand that submitting this application makes all provided information public record, subject to disclosure under applicable laws unless exempt under Florida Statute 119.07. 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: William J. Mess

DATE: 3/26/26

PRINT: William J. Mess

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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](mailto:Commissionadmin@marionfl.org)

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