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HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly

Name of Board/Committee EDA-TAC
Check one: [X] Full Member Position [] Alternate Member Position

Name Mark Evan Cioffi
(Your name must be listed as it appears on your voter registration card)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR COUNTY RECORDS AND BECOMES PUBLIC RECORD UPON SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION, PURSUANT TO F.S. 119.07, PLEASE STATE THE BASIS OF YOUR EXEMPTION. YOUR FAILURE TO ANSWER FULLY AND TRUTHFULLY ALL QUESTIONS COULD RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING DENIED OR YOUR SUBSEQUENT REMOVAL FROM ANY BOARD/COMMITTEE IF APPOINTED.

Address 726 Norwalk Ct
City Spring Hill Zip 34609
Telephone 352-345-4137 (home) 352-397-7999 (cell) (business)
E-mail address mccioffi@gmail.com

Are you a resident of Hernando County? yes

Voter Registration Number 104378309

Education Bachelors Degree Biology (BS), Masters Degree Aeronautical Science (MAS)
(Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.)
Doctorate Business Administration (PhD)

Employment History Please see resume
(Attach a resume if available)

Licenses or Certificates Held FAA Airline Transport Pilot + Rotorcraft - Helicopter

Have you ever previously applied for a position on any County Board/Committee? candidate for School Board
If yes, please state the Board(s)/Committee(s) you applied for, when you applied, and whether you were appointed.

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or no contest, or entered into PTI for a felony or 1st/ 2nd degree misdemeanor? NO
Answering yes does not automatically disqualify you for consideration.

If yes, what charges?

Are you currently involved as a defendant in a criminal case?

If yes, what charges?

Have you ever been named as a defendant in a civil action suit? No

If yes, when and describe action.

Please state your reasons for applying to this Board/Committee I've spent my adult life in aviation and I've lived in Hernando County since 2001. I believe I have both the professional and educational experience to be an asset to this committee

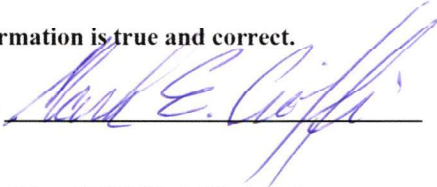
Please list three character references of persons NOT related to, NOT an employer, NOT an employee of you or your company, and whom you have known at least one (1) year. Please include addresses and phone numbers.

1. Joe Wolff, 11857 Wexford Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34609
2. Vincent Cucuzza, 501 Spring Water Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840
3. Rick Lawin, 7058 Lost Lake Lane, Roseville, CA 95747

I hereby request consideration as a committee/board appointee. It is my intention to familiarize myself to the duties and responsibilities of the office to which I may be appointed, and to fulfill the appointment to the best of my ability, exercising good judgement, fairness, impartiality, and faithful attendance. By my signature below, I hereby authorize Hernando County to check my references and my background, including, without limitation, obtaining a criminal history check. I also agree to file a Financial Disclosure form as required by State law, if applicable, and abide by provisions of the State Sunshine Law.

I hereby swear and affirm, under Penalty of Perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's signature



(Please direct all inquiries to the County Administrator's Office at 754-4002.)

Completed applications may be submitted to the County Administrator's office, 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604, or faxed to 352-754-4025 Attention: Jessica Wright.

PRINT FORM

CLEAR FORM



Hernando County Background Consent / Release Form

As a volunteer applicant, I understand and acknowledge that an investigative report may be compiled on me. This report may include information regarding any criminal records, and from various public and private sources including law enforcement agencies at the Federal, State or County level, courts record repositories, sexual offender registries and any other source required to verify information that I have voluntarily provided.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: Mark Evan Cioffi

Date of Birth: 02/13/1957

Other Names Used: _____
(Legal Name) First M.I. Last

Dates Used (from/to): _____

Home Phone #: (352) 345-4137

Cell Phone #: (352) 397-7999

E-mail Address: mccioffi@gmail.com

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Current Address: 726 Norwalk Ct.

City, State, Zip : Spring Hill, FL, 34609

Time at this address: 3 Years 1 Month

Previous Address: 14167 Newcastle Ave.

City, State, Zip : Spring Hill, FL 34609

Time at this address 16 Years _____ Month

By signing below, you hereby authorize, empower and release from all liability, without reservation, any agency contacted by Hernando County to furnish the above-mentioned information. You further authorize ongoing procurement of the above-mentioned information at any time during your relationship with Hernando County. You agree that a fax or photocopy of this authorization is to be considered and accepted with the same authority as the original.

Mark Cioffi Applicant's Signature 13 MAR 24 Date

Mark E. Cioffi, PhD

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Possesses a broad background of leadership and experience in operational aspects of aviation with in-depth knowledge and exposure to the aviation training environment and human factors. Twenty-one years of active duty experience in the U.S. Air Force, in both heavy cargo jet transport and helicopter operations, provides a unique background in aviation experience. After retirement from the USAF, the combined experience of jet and helicopter operational flying lead to the Program Manager position for Aviation Training Consulting, LLC, to develop the initial 100 Level flying training program for the U.S. Marine Corps' MV-22 Osprey program. Used both simulation and training expertise during an 18-month special assignment as project lead for flight simulation transformation at Delta Air Lines Training Department. Retired from Delta Air Lines as a 737NG Captain September 2020.

EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF FLITE ADVANTAGE SIMULATION & TRAINING (FAST) 2014-PRESENT

Launched FAST for the sole purpose of assisting future military pilots in acquiring the skills needed to succeed in flight school and in their careers. Foundational to this concept is the ability to fly a highly detailed rendition of the T-6A/B and T-38C in the virtual environment based on X-Plane® flight simulation platform. The success of the company is validated by the use of the FAST T-6A to augment the USAF training program. FAST's T-6A is also being used by research laboratories such as the Naval Medical Research Unit, Dayton, OH in flight research and physiological studies, as well as two research laboratories at MIT. Several U.S. allies use it in their pilot training programs. FAST also built the T-38C virtual flight model which is currently used by Flight Safety International to use in their Mixed Reality Flight Simulators for USAF training. FAST's DA-42 is in use by Brunner International for training Lufthansa pilots. FAST's home use versions of these trainer aircraft are used by almost two thousand students and home simulator enthusiasts worldwide.

PILOT, DELTA AIR LINES, JULY 2001-SEPTEMBER 2020

Pilot with 6000 hours of flying experience in the Boeing 737NG 700-800-900 series aircraft. Responsible for assisting in the safe flight of thousands of passengers, domestically and internationally, yearly throughout the United States, Central America, and South America. (Furloughed from Delta Sept 2001 - Apr 2007)

PROGRAM MANAGER/PILOT, DELTA AIR LINES, APRIL 2015-AUGUST 2017

Leveraged his leadership skills and innovative ideas to lead Delta's flight simulation department's transformation from the predominant use of multimillion dollar full-motion simulators to Next Generation non-motion simulators for flight training. Under the Director of Training for Delta, coordinated with multiple agencies from Curriculum Development department to the FAA. This resulted in saving the airline millions of dollars in training costs while creating greater accessibility to pilot training.

PROGRAM MANAGER, AVIATION TRAINING CONSULTING, FEB 2002 - MAR 2007

Program Manager for the development of the initial training program for the Marine Corps' MV-22 Osprey 100-Level training program. Responsible for integrating all aspects of customer requirements into an Instructional Systems Designed (ISD) based curriculum.

- Directly responsible for leveraging simulator capabilities to reduce training costs, while increasing trainee proficiency, saving the Marine Corps millions of dollars in assets.
- Coordinated on a daily basis with the Marine Corps at the user level to ensure all aspects of the contract were met, and when required, assisted in contract modifications.

USAF CAREER HIGHLIGHTS, MAY 1980 - JULY 2001

Began Air Force career as an enlisted airman in May 1980 and quickly earned a commission in December 1981. Acquired 4500 hours of flying experience in both helicopters (1000 hrs) and fixed-wing aircraft (3500 hrs). A large portion of time was spent in the training environment with assignments that required providing instruction, as well as supervising instructors.

- First flying assignment flew rescue helicopters in Keflavik, Iceland. Then flew at Andrews AFB in support of the Presidential Wing and was responsible for the oversight of life support operations for all aircraft assigned to the Presidential Flying Wing.
- Flew combat operations during Operation Just Cause and Desert Shield/Desert Storm in C-141B
- Altus AFB Training Wing Safety Officer overseeing both flight and ground safety programs for a base of 10,000 personnel and 80 aircraft
- Taught air mobility operations to classes ranging in size from 16 to 1200 students at the Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- Operations Officer responsible for the daily supervision of 100 instructor personnel overseeing 17 different training programs

CAREER HISTORY

Sep 2020 - Present - Full time entrepreneur, President/Owner of Flite Advantage Simulation & Training LLC

May 2007 - Sep 2020 - Pilot, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta GA

May 2009 – May 2011 – Taught Aircraft Accident Investigation as an Associate Professor for Embry-Riddle University Worldwide for both undergraduate and graduate level courses.

Jan 2002 - Jan 2007 - Program Manager for US Marine Corps' MV-22 Osprey 100 Level Curriculum Development Team, Aviation Training Consulting, LLC. Jacksonville, NC

Jul 2001 - Nov 2001 - Delta Air Lines 737-200 pilot (furloughed until April of 2007 as a result of 9/11)

Jul 1998 - Jun 2001 - 57th Airlift Squadron Operations Officer, Altus AFB, OK

- Directly responsible for the training operations of all USAF C-141 aircrew

Jul 1995 - Jun 1998 - Instructor of Airlift Operations, US Army Command and General Staff College Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Jul 1994 - Jun 1995 - Student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Jul 1992 - May 1994 - 57th Airlift Squadron, C-141 Examiner Pilot, Altus AFB, OK

- Chief of Wing Safety responsible for flight and ground safety programs for the entire base population

Sep 1988 - Jun 1992 - 41st Military Airlift Squadron C-141 Instructor Pilot, Charleston AFB, SC

- Current Operations Duty Officer
- Command Post Duty Officer
- Participated in Operation Just Cause, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Provide Hope, and Operation Provide Comfort

Jun 1988 - Aug 1988 - C-141 Qualification, Altus AFB, Altus, OK

Jul 1987 - May 1988 - Fixed Wing Qualification, Vance AFB, OK

Jul 1985 - Jun 1987 - 1st Helicopter Squadron, 89th Military Airlift Wing Presidential Support
CH-3E/UH-1N Life Support Officer for all aircraft in the Presidential Wing, Andrews AFB, MD

Mar 1983 - Jun 1985 - Detachment 14, 67 ARRS, HH-3E Rescue Helicopter Pilot, Keflavik, Iceland

Dec 1981 - Sep 1982 - Student, Undergraduate Helicopter Pilot Training, Ft. Rucker, AL

May 1980 - Dec 1981 - Enlisted as Security Police Officer and stationed at Hancock Field,
Syracuse, NY

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Airline Transport Pilot License (ATP)
- Helicopter Pilot Rating
- Previous Top-Secret clearance (SBI)
- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Veteran - Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, retired

AWARDS

- Joint Service Meritorious Service Medal
- USAF Meritorious Medal with 1 oak leaf clusters
- USAF Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- USA Commendation Medal
- USAF Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

EDUCATION

1979 - Bachelor of Science, Biology (BS) - Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

1987 - Master of Aeronautical Science (MAS) - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL

2009 - Doctor of Business Administration (PhD) - Northcentral University, Prescott, AZ

PUBLICATIONS

Cioffi, M. E. (2009). *Examining personal error reduction and accountability training effects on reduced pilot error*. Northcentral University ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2009. 3351616

INTERESTS

- Family ski trips
- General Fitness
- Bicycling
- Swimming
- Weight Training