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BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly

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

Name Sophia Watson
(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 1194 Three Leaf lane

City Brooksville Zip 34604

Telephone 352-398-3817 (home) 352-797-7018 (business)

E-mail address sophiawatson425@gmail.com

Are you a resident of Hernando County? yes

Voter Registration Number 104474016

Education MA in Education Administration, Florida Professional Teaching Certificate #852328
(Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.)

Employment History please see attached
(Attach a resume if available)

Licenses or Certificates Held Florida Professional Teaching Certificate #852328

Have you ever previously applied for a position on any County Board/Committee? yes

If yes, please state the Board(s)/Committee(s) you applied for, when you applied, and whether you were appointed.
EDA-TAC (2020), Affordable Housing Committee (2008)

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? no

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 As one of the training providers in Hernando,
I feel that I could provide valuable input for future of economic development projects.

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. Mary Keen, 415 Pinewood Dr SW, Live Oak, FL 32064; 386-623-0678
2. Dana Pearce, 3300 Mariner Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34609; 352-797-7010
3. Lauren Swiatek, 14059 Cooper Rd, Spring Hill FL 34609; 352-263-9029

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.



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: Sophia Watson

Date of Birth: 1/6/76

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

Dates Used (from/to): birth to April 25, 1999

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: 352-398-3817

E-mail Address: sophiawatson425@gmail.com

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Current Address: 1194 Three Leaf Lane

City, State, Zip : Brooksville, FI 34604

Time at this address: 15 Years 9 Month

Previous Address: 4338 Dewberry St

City, State, Zip : Spring Hill, FI 34608

Time at this address 7 Years 6 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.



Applicant's Signature

3/13/24

Date

SOPHIA WATSON

SKILLS

- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- STRATGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & EXECUTION

PROFILE

My team and I have spearheaded the establishment of Wilton Simpson Technical College, one of Florida's latest additions to its educational landscape. Built from scratch, our efforts have leaned heavily on fostering robust business and community partnerships. Our overarching aim has remained clear: to enhance the economic vitality of our community.

EDUCATION

Grand Canyon University
2006
Master's in Education Administration

University of Florida
1998
Bachelor's of Arts

2013

Present

DIRECTOR OF ADULT & TECHNICAL EDUCATION, HERNANDO SCHOOLS

Directed a team of up to 90 instructors and staff in overseeing Workforce Development programs within the school district; managed the inception, growth, and physical expansion of Wilton Simpson Technical College; actively engaged in local economic development endeavors and committees; co-chaired District Rezoning Committees; assisted with the development of overage student programs and a Drop Back in academy

2008

2013

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER/PRINCIPAL, FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Led up to 160 instructors in the day to day operations of a virtual school environment insuring effective instruction that resulted in student achievement; Monitored the effectiveness of FLVS training programs as they related to preparing and supporting online instructors

2003

2008

INSTRUCTOR, HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOLS

HEART Literacy/Adult Education (2003 – 2008)

- Adult Education Instructor

Nature Coast High School (2006-2008)

- Coordinator of dropout prevention program
- Served on various committees that helped disseminate data to help drive instruction and school climate

Fox Chapel Middle School (2003 – 2006)

- Science department head for a team of 7 teachers
- Team Leader for a team of 5 teachers

2001

2003

INSTRUCTOR, CHANCELLOR BEACON CHARTER SCHOOLS

Led a team of five educators in the capacity of Science Department Head, actively contributed as a member of the School Leader Team

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