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HERNANDO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

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Name of Board/Committee DOGE Committee
Check one: ☒ Full Member Position
☐ Alternate Member Position

Name Melissa Marie Arceneaux
(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 1257 Finland Drive

City Spring Hill Zip 34609

Telephone 678-713-6501 (home) _____ (business) _____

E-mail address melgator40@gmail.com

Are you a resident of Hernando County? yes

Voter Registration Number 129197149

Education Bachelors from the University of Florida
(Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.)

Employment History Resume attached
(Attach a resume if available)

Licenses or Certificates Held Resume attached

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.
Appointed in 2024 to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board as a Citizen Advocate

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 My prior experience would be very beneficial
to this process. I also have great respect for the government and believe that greater efficiency benefits
us all!

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. Maria Tonelli Smith, St Petersburg, FL 770-855-1192

2. Frans Barends, Atlanta, GA 404-933-3873

3. Tina Cordova, Spring Hill, FL 561-236-9575

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 Attorney's Office at 754-4122.)

**Completed applications may be submitted to the County Attorney's Office 20 N. Main Street, Room 462
Brooksville, Florida 34601, or email cao@co.hernando.fl.us.**



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: Melissa Marie Arceneaux

Date of Birth: 11/20/70

Other Names Used: _____

(Legal Name) First M.I. Last

Dates Used (from/to): _____

Home Phone #: 678-713-6501

Cell Phone #: 678-713-6501

E-mail Address: melgator40@gmail.com

Are you 18 years of age or older? ☒ Yes ☐ No

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Current Address: 1257 Finland Dr

City, State, Zip : Spring Hill FL 34609

Time at this address: 4 Years 8 Month

Previous Address: 1636 Reflections Trail

City, State, Zip : Powder Springs, FL 30127

Time at this address 5 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.

Applicant's Signature

4/30/2025

Date

Melissa Koran Arceneaux

ADVOCATE & BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

I am a semi-retired professional with a passion for advocating on behalf of the autism community. My goal is to work alongside local stakeholders to promote the development of environments that are accessible, inclusive, and welcoming for individuals with autism. I am currently building initiatives for our family non-profit Autism Everywhere. Autism Everywhere is an advocacy and social organization that collaborates with community stakeholders to foster the creation of accessible, inclusive, and welcoming environments for individuals with autism.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (2010-2020)

Assistant Director of Administrative & Financial Operations

Managed the business operations and financial affairs for a 75-person unit with six individual budgets totaling over five million dollars annually. Served as the Human Resources Manager for the unit and as the Building Manager for a 28,000 square foot facility.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT (2008-2010)

Served as an independent consultant handling special events and the financial and business affairs for several local businesses and non-profit organizations in Atlanta, Georgia.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (2003-2008)

Served as the Accounting and Conference Coordinator for the Doctoral Scholars Program. Responsible for all finances related to a multi-million dollar 16-state scholarship program headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

OTHER EXPERIENCES OF RELEVANCE

2024-2025 – Member - Autism Society of Florida Safe Schools Task Force

2024-2026 – Appointed as a Citizen Advocate for the Hernando County Disadvantaged Transportation Board

2024-Current – Girl Scout Leader and Certified USA Archery Instructor

2024-Current – Hernando County School District ESE Committee Member

2024-Current – Member - Autism Society of Florida Safe School Task Force

2024 – Participant in Hernando County Sheriff's Firearm Safety Class

2023 – Participant in Hernando County School District Citizen's Academy

2023 – Graduate of the FDDC Partners in Policymaking Program

CONTACT INFORMATION

melgator40@gmail.com

678-713-6501

Spring Hill, FL

ABOUT ME

I am passionate about advocating for full inclusion of the disability community in all aspects of community life. I am very passionate about being an active participant in my community.

EDUCATION

University of Florida

BA in Public Relations

Minor in Business Administration

SPECIAL SKILLS

Public speaking & advocacy

Event planning

Excellent communication skills

Financial & business management