

**HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD / COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

(Please type or print clearly.)

Name Melissa Marie Arceneaux
(Your name must be listed as it appears on your driver's license)

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.

Are you a resident of Hernando County? Citrus County? For how long? Since 9/11/2020 (3 1/2 years)

Do you reside within the city limits of Brooksville? NO Crystal River? NO Inverness? NO

Physical Address 1257 Finland Drive City Spring Hill Zip 34609

Mailing Address (if different) Same City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) 678-713-6501 (business/other) n/a Email melgator40@gmail.com

Education UF graduate, many other awards (resume available)
(Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.)

Present Employment Owner of a new, coming non-profit (Autism Everywhere)

These committees may require travel outside of your county of residence. Are you willing to travel to Hernando or Citrus Counties as necessary to remain active and keep current on committee issues and participate in meetings? Absolutely

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or no contest, or entered into PTI for a felony or 1st/2nd degree misdemeanor?

Never

(Answering yes does not automatically disqualify you for consideration)

If yes, what charges? N/A

Are you currently involved as a defendant in a criminal case? Never

If yes, what charges? N/A

Have you ever been named as a defendant in a civil action suit? Never

If yes, when and describe action N/A

Please state your reasons for applying to this Board/Committee: I want to be involved in my community as much as I can!

Please list three references, including addresses, phone numbers and email address.

- Maria Tonelli Smith, St Pete, FLA, 770-855-1192, mariatonelli.smith@gmail.com
- Tina Cordova, Spring Hill, FLA, 561-236-9575, tina.p.passability.lif
- Rebecca Donato, Boston, MA, 202-247-1456, rebeccadonato@hsl.harvard.edu

I hereby request consideration as a board/committee appointee. It is my intention to familiarize myself with 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 judgment, fairness, impartiality, and faithful attendance. I also agree to file a Financial Disclosure form as required by State law, if applicable, and abide by the provisions of the State Sunshine Law.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE  DATE 2/23/24

POSITION APPLYING FOR: see below (ALL POSITIONS ARE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY)

 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) – 2 year term, 11 members

OR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) – 2 year term, 11 members

 HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB) – 3 year term, 17 members (some positions require agency participation.)

Completed applications may be submitted to the Hernando/Citrus MPO, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34601, email mpo@hernandocounty.us, or fax to 352-754-4420.

I would interested in serving on either committee. Thank you!

Melissa Koran Arceneaux

ADVOCATE & BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

CURRENT POSITION

I am currently the **Founder & Executive Director** for **Autism Everywhere**, a new non-profit starting in Hernando County, Florida in 2024. Autism Everywhere is an advocacy and social organization that partners with local community stakeholders to create 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 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** – Girl Scout Leader and Certified USA Archery Instructor
- 2024** – Hernando County School District ESE Committee Member
- 2024** – Member of Autism Society of Florida & Safe Schools Task Force
- 2024** – Participant in Hernando County Sherriff's Firearm Safety Class
- 2023** – Participant in Hernando County School District Citizen's Academy
- 2023** – Graduate of the Florida Developmental Disability Council Partners in Policymaking Program

A MORE EXTENSIVE RESUME IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
Excellent written communication
Financial & business management