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Yes No

If yes, which Board/Committee?

Educational Background:

B.S. Florida Southern College

Are you retired?

Yes No

Ambitrans

Employer

EMS Supervisor

Occupation

[Resume_june17.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Please list any Civic organizations to which you belong.

American Heart Association

Why do you desire to serve on the above Board/Committee? Please list any relative experience, if applicable.

To serve the community in which i live and provide input will serving on the board.

Demographics

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Ethnicity *

[Redacted]

Gender *

[Redacted]

Acknowledgements

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I agree that if appointed, I will serve on the above board without compensation and at the pleasure of the City Commission.

I Agree

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I agree to abide by the Sunshine and Public Records Laws and attend all mandatory training sessions.

I Agree

Question applies to multiple boards

I understand that membership on this board requires an annual Statement of Financial Interest disclosure form to be filed on or before July 1st of each year.

Yes No

Please indicate if any information provided on this application is exempt under Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07.

I claim the exemption.

Applicants for board appointments are reminded of the provisions of the Florida Statutes as applicable to conflicts of interest. All board application are kept on file and are reviewed as vacancies occur. Updated information may be requested at that time.

RESUME

Howard C. Bearse Jr. [REDACTED]

Qualifying Experience 35 years' experience EMS / Fire

Ability to work as a team

Ability to follow rules and regulations

Ability to review and write reports

Ability to promote knowledge through interaction

Work Experience:

August 2012-present:

Ambitrans- [REDACTED]

EMS Supervisor Lee and Collier Counties

Responsible to all Lee Health Care Facilities and Collier Hospital's

Ryan Lybeck Manager

June 2007-May 2012

Nokomis Fire Department- [REDACTED]

Fire Chief- responsible for the administration and operation of the Nokomis Fire Department through training and public support.

July 1989-May 2007

(Retired)

City of North Port Fire Rescue District-4980 City Center Blvd,

North Port Fl. 34287 Supervisor William Taaffe Fire Chief

(941-240-8150

Deputy Chief of Operations, responsible for managing the activities Of the Emergency Services Division, budget, public relations and Policies, goals and objectives set forth by the City and Fire Chief.

Education Background

Florida Southern College Bachelor of Liberal Arts, April 2000

Barnstable High School, Barnstable Ma.-1974

Florida State Certified EMT since 1989

AHA CPR instructor

VFIS E.V.O.C instructor

Associations

American Heart Association, CPR/First aid Instructor

Application Form

Profile

Gerardo _____ Rodriguez _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt _____
 Home Address

North Port _____ FL _____
 City State Postal Code

_____ Email Address

_____ Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone

Please list three references (name only)

Jentzen Barton Casey Kelch Joseph Jurban

All board appointees shall have resided within the City for a period of one year and residency must be maintained throughout the term of office. A nonresident may serve provided that the individual currently owns and has owned real property in the City of North Port for at least one year prior to appointment pursuant to City Code, Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-3(b). Have you lived in North Port for 12 months or longer?

Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees: Submitted

Are you currently serving on any other City Board/Committee? Citizens may serve only on one Advisory Board or Committee pursuant to City Code, Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-3(h).

Yes No

If yes, which Board or Committee?

Were you ever removed from a City Board/Committee due to lack of attendance?

Yes No

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Yes No

If yes, which Board/Committee?

Educational Background:

Florida State University, Bachelors of Science Education

Are you retired?

Yes No

City of North Port Fire Rescue

Employer

Firefighter/Paramedic

Occupation

Upload a Resume

Please list any Civic organizations to which you belong.

North Port Firefighters Benevolent Association 2008-Present, Treasurer Meals on Wheels

Why do you desire to serve on the above Board/Committee? Please list any relative experience, if applicable.

I have served in this same role on the North Port Firefighters Pension Board for several terms. I was not able to attend the 4 previous meetings due to family medical issues that I could not avoid and this last meeting in September of 2020 due to it being scheduled the same day as a promotional test at the fire department. I feel like I am a very financially responsible member of this board that has the best interests of the pension members and the City of North Port's financial interest at heart with all decisions that are made. Please re-consider to place me back into this position.

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North Port, FL

Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Board Roster



Scott Duff

6th Term Sep 28, 2009 - Mar 12, 2022

Email sduff@cityofnorthport.com

Home Phone : (941) 240-8157

Address

4980 City Center Boulevard
North Port, FL 34286

Position Chosen by Majority of other Board Members

Category Secretary



Dylan Hamilton

2nd Term Sep 30, 2019 - Sep 30, 2020

Email dhamilton@cityofnorthport.com

Home Phone : (941) 240-8157

Address

4980 City Center Boulevard
North Port, FL 34286

Position Elected by Firefighter Members

Category Member



Paul Kaskey

1st Term Jan 28, 2020 - Jan 28, 2022

Email paulkaskey@aol.com

Home Phone : 941-256-4760

Address

6329 Old Court Street
North Port, FL 34291

Position North Port Resident Appointed by Commission

Category Member



Tom Truesdale

13th Term Oct 15, 1996 - Sep 30, 2021

Email ttruesdale@cityofnorthport.com

Home Phone : (941) 240-8157

Address

4980 City Center Boulevard
North Port, FL 34286

Position Elected by Firefighter Members

Category Chair



Vacancy



North Port, FL

Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Board Details

A quasi-judicial board.

Determines eligibility, participation, rules and procedures, and performs actuarial studies and valuations of the Firefighters' Pension Local Option Trust Fund.

Overview

 **Size** 5 Seats

 **Term Length** 2 Year

 **Term Limit** N/A

Contact

 **Name** Susan Hale

 **Email** boardapplications@cityofnorthport.com

 **Phone** (941) 429-7061

Additional

Membership Requirements

The board consists of five trustee members, two of which are elected by firefighter members of the pension, two North Port residents appointed by the commission, and one member chosen by a majority of the other four trustees. Requirement to file a Financial Disclosure Form annually with the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections.

Meetings

Meets quarterly.

Enacting Legislation

Ord. No. 91-6, Florida Statutes Chapter 175

Enacting Resolution Website

n/a

Susan Hale

From: Susan Hale
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Gerardo Rodriguez
Cc: Dave Carroll
Subject: Removal from Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees

September 14, 2020

Gerardo Rodriguez
4980 City Center Boulevard
North Port, FL 34286

RE: Removal from: **FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is to advise you that your seat on the Firefighter's Pension Board of Trustees is declared vacant. City Code, Article I, Section 4-4, Meetings states:

(c) Board members shall make every reasonable effort to attend all meetings. A board member will be deemed to have resigned his or her seat if:

- (1) He or she has unexcused absences from four consecutive regular meetings, or
- (2) He or she is absent without excuse from 25 percent or more of regular board meetings in a calendar year. The percentage of absences for the preceding year shall be calculated by the city clerk's office each January.

You have been absent for four consecutive quarterly meetings. Therefore, your seat is declared vacant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Plan Administrator Dave Carroll at 276-617-8360 or City Clerk Heather Taylor at (941) 429-7063.

Sincerely,

Susan Hale
Recording Secretary
Office: 941.429.7061
Fax: 941.429.7008
shale@cityofnorthport.com

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