



Name: Brent Harrison Lanier

FIRST MIDDLE LAST

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Section 1 – General Information

List all your places of residence for the last ten (10) years:

Address	City & State	Dates: From / To
3503 Southwest 1st Way, Gainesville, Florida 32601		2014-2016 (est.)
3310 Northwest 91st Street, Apartment 2D, Gainesville, Florida 32606		2016-2019 (est.)
3310 Northwest 91st Street, Apartment 5D, Gainesville, Florida 32606		2019-2021 (est.)
1105 Ft. Clarke Blvd., Apartment 1212, Gainesville, Florida 32606		2021-present (est.)
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A

List all your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood:

Address	City & State	Dates: From / To
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A
N/A		N/A

Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150.00 or less was paid.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes" give details:

Date	Place	Nature	Disposition
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			

Section 2 – Education and Background

High School: Newberry High School Newberry, Florida Year Graduated: 2014
(Name) (Location)

List all postsecondary education institutions attended:

Name	Dates	Degree Received	Major Field of Study
Santa Fe College	2014-2017	Associate of Arts	Political Science
The University of Florida	2018-2020	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science
The University of Florida	2018-2020	Undergraduate Certificate	(Public Affairs)
Florida State University	2022-2024	Master of Public Administration	Public Administration
Florida State University	2022-2024	Graduate Certificate	(Public Financial Management)
N/A			

Are you or have you ever been a member of the armed forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes" list:

Dates of service: N/A
Branch or component: N/A
Date & type of discharge: N/A

Concerning your current employer and for all of your employment during the last ten years, list your employer's name, business address, type of business, occupation or job title, and period(s) of employment.

Employer's Name & Location	Type of Business	Occupation Title	Period
Silverman & Mack, LLC, Law office, Paralegal and Office Manager, 9/2014-present			
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			

Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local governmental agency in Florida?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify the position(s), the name(s) of the employing agency, and the period(s) of employment:

Position	Employing Agency	Period of Employment
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		

Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the federal or any foreign government? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", please list:

N/A
N/A
N/A

Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", state the office title, dates in office, level of government (city, county, district, state, federal), and whether you were elected or appointed (if appointed, by whom):

Office Title	Dates in Office	Level of Government	Election or Appointment
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			

If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s), or council(s):

- (1) How frequently were meetings scheduled: N/A
(2) If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings you attended, the number you missed, and the reason(s) for your absence(s).

Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Reason for Absence
<u>N/A</u>		
<u>N/A</u>		
<u>N/A</u>		
<u>N/A</u>		

Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", give details:

Date	Nature of Violation	Disposition
<u>N/A</u>		
<u>N/A</u>		
<u>N/A</u>		
<u>N/A</u>		

Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title of Office: N/A Reason for Suspension: N/A

Date of Suspension: N/A Result: Reinstated N/A Removed N/A Resigned N/A

Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", list:

(1) Title of Office: N/A

(2) Term of Appointment: N/A

(3) Confirmation Result: N/A

Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If "Yes", explain:

License/Certificate	Title/Number	Date Issued	Issuing Authority	Disciplinary Action/Date
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N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities' rules and regulations?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Section 3 – References and Experience

State your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment:

Please see the attached (marked as #1)

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Please list specifically any degree(s), professional certification(s), or designation(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment:

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Graduate Certificate (Public Financial Management)

N/A

Please list any awards or recognitions you have received relating to the subject matter of this appointment:

N/A

N/A

N/A

Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupational, civic or fraternal organizations) you have held or hold relating in the last 10 years.

Name of the Association	Role	Dates of Membership
National Association of State Procurement Officials	Member	12/2024-present
The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP)	Member	08/2024-present
N/A		

Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County Advisory Board?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", please list board(s):

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you seek appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", explain:

N/A

List three persons who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Include a current telephone number. Exclude your relatives.

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Joshua M. Silverman	Silverman & Mack, LLC	(352) 337-8373
Hon. Susanne Wilson Bullard	Circuit Judge	(352) 264-7057
S. Scott Walker, Esq.	Folds Walker, LLC	(352) 372-1282
N/A		

Areas of Experience/Advanced Knowledge/Training:**(Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	LGBTQ Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith-Based
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement/Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Higher Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Health/Substance Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Juvenile Justice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Childhood Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen Pregnancy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop Out Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	After-School/Out Of School Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education & Child Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Experience Advocating for Children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Prevention for Young People	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children & Teen Health Issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (If other, please explain)		

What contributions do you feel you could make if you were recommended to the Governor to this board?
Please see the attached (marked as #2).

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Section 4 – Possible Conflict of Interest

Have you, or businesses of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", explain:

Name of Business	Your Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to Agency
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Please see the attached (marked as #3)

N/A

N/A

N/A

Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), siblings(s)), or business of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida. Yes No ☐

If "Yes", explain:

Name of Business	Relationship to You	Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to Agency
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N/A			
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N/A			
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N/A			
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N/A			
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Have you ever had a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five (5) years? Yes No ☒

(1) Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement expenses? Yes No

(2) Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principal(s) you represented:

Agency Lobbied	Principal Represented
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N/A	
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N/A	
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N/A	
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If you agree, please type or write your initials for each of the following statements:

(1) If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.

Yes ☒ No ☐

(3) I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities' rules and regulations.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Optional: Check the Race/Ethnic Group with which you identify:

(This information helps us provide diversity on our advisory boards.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Racial / Multi-Racial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Native American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Islander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Sam H. Finner

3/3/25

☒ I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct (must be read and checked).

To complete the application, download and save it to your computer, then complete the application and save it again. Once it is complete submit it by email to ctuck@alachuacounty.us or fax at 352-264-6703.

Section 3 – References and Experience:

1. For more than a decade, I have worked as a paralegal and office manager for a law firm practicing primarily in the areas of family, dependency, and criminal defense. Our legal systems are well-intended but ultimately incapable of fully addressing the core issues affecting youth in Alachua County. Courts are unfortunately more suited to addressing the symptoms of a problem, rather than the problem itself. I have seen and worked in too many cases where early intervention with a child could have radically altered the eventual adverse outcome or experience for a child. An educational opportunity, or access to more or better public health resources (including, or perhaps most especially, mental health resources), or an economic opportunity could have saved both the child and society enormous cost. The issue, it seems, is how to allocate scarce societal resources in the most efficient manner possible to make these interventions available to any youth in our community who needs or wants it. This is my understanding of the Trust's core mission. For more than a decade, I have been witness to some difficult endings. That goes with the job, and I'm not ready to give that up — after all, we fight the good fight, and I have gained valuable insight and perspective. But I very much think it is time for me to start working with my community to forge some good beginnings, too.

Government cannot, and should not, be doing this on its own. Solutions are, and must be, found or created with an emphasis on engagement of community stakeholders, and forging public-private partnerships. My education has focused on these very things. In December 2024, I completed my Master of Public Administration from Florida State University. My coursework and writings had a significant emphasis on community engagement and public-private partnerships. I thus have a background in both private enterprise (i.e., helping to run a small business), and public administration. I hope to bring both of these perspectives to my work with the Trust.

2. Unwavering commitment, reliability, and hard work, to put it simply. But I do not intend to be someone who walks in on Day One with preconceived notions of how the job must be done. I recognize that I am younger than the usual applicant. I intend to listen, and watch, and learn. When appropriate, I will offer my perspective and my ideas. I will be available to assist however I am asked, and to lead whenever the opportunity presents itself.

My relative youth is also something of value I believe I would bring to the Trust. I straddle the divide between Millennials and Gen Z, with perhaps both having a valid claim to me. It appears that if selected, I would be the youngest member of the Board. I am not a kid any longer, but I am closer to it than many. While I had a relatively carefree and easy upbringing, I am close with many peers who cannot say the same — and are now dealing with chronic

difficult issues adversely affecting them and their families in what should be the flower of their adulthood. This perspective is important to the Board's work, I think, and I would welcome the opportunity to present it.

3. I am employed as an office manager and paralegal at a law firm which practices family law and criminal defense. My supervising attorney previously had a contract with the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) to provide representation to indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases. He declined to renew that contract in 2019, after personnel changes in our office. However, at the present time, my supervising attorney has accepted an appointment to serve as defense counsel for a co-defendant in one major felony case. We regularly sign and/or authorize invoices to JAC for direct reimbursement to court reporters, and the firm expects to receive from JAC a flat fee of \$6,000.00 - \$9,000.00 at the completion of the case.