ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL ON CULTURE & ARTS

It is the applicant's responsibility to keep this information current. To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov

Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.

Name: Adriene Bryant Wright | Date: 4-21-15

Home Phone: 202-432-1187 | Work Phone: same | Email: adriene.wright@gmail.com

Occupation: Business Owner | Employer: Abelita LLC

Please check box for preferred mailing address.

☐ Work Address:

City/State/Zip:

☒ Home Address *(Required to determine County residency)* 203 Young Street

City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32301

Do you live in Leon County? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, do you live within the City limits? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you own property in Leon County? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, is it located within the City limits? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For how many years have you lived in and/or owned property in Leon County? 12 years (not consecutive)

Are you currently serving on a County Advisory Committee? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, on what Committee(s) are you a member? _____

Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? _____

Please indicate your area of expertise. If you have experience in more than one field, please check all that apply.

☒ Business ☐ Heritage ☒ Marketing ☐ Practicing Artist ☒ Volunteer ☒ Tourism

☒ At-Large ☐ At-Large

If you are appointed to this Committee, you are expected to attend regular meetings.

How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? ☐ 1 ☒ 2 to 3 ☐ 4 or more

And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? ☐ 2 ☐ 3 to 5 ☒ 6 or more

What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? ☒ Day ☒ Night

(OPTIONAL) Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.

Race: ☐ Caucasian ☒ African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Other

Sex: ☐ Male ☒ Female Age: 58 Disabled? ☐ Yes ☒ No

District 1 ☒ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application. Please attach your resume, if one is available.

Among others, I have most recently served on the Board of Directors of the Black Hospitality Initiative, an affiliate of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau in Miami, FL. Over the course of my career, I have served on numerous community boards, and was appointed to serve on State Boards and Commissions including South Carolina State University. Having minored in Dance at FAMU/FSU, I have a strong interest in the arts and believe that the arts is a vital part of any vibrant community.

References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):

Name: Marjorie Turnbull Telephone: 850-385-4184

Address: 3935 Meandering Lane Tallahassee, FL 32308

Name: Spencer Ingram Telephone: 850-877-8099

Address: 118 Salem Ct. Tallahassee, FL 32301

IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION AT www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form and/or a background check, if applicable? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, from whom? _____
Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please explain. _____
Do you or your employer, or your spouse or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please explain.
Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please explain. _____

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Please return Application
by mail: Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator
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Tallahassee, FL 32301
by email: coblec@leoncountyfl.gov
by fax: 850-606-5301
Online: http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/servicerequest/committeeapplication.aspx

"People Focused, Performance Driven."

Adriene B. Wright, Ph.D.
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PROFILE

Results oriented, disciplined, and experienced senior-level executive and entrepreneur with a demonstrated record of leadership in the public, non-profit, and corporate sectors. Possesses multi-disciplinary experience that includes: Leadership, fundraising, management consulting, coaching and development, budgeting and fiscal management, marketing and communications, administration, public affairs, Governance and relationship management. Often recognized for persuasive public speaking abilities, analytical skills, and diplomatic and engaging qualities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ABELITA LLC, Miami and Tallahassee, FL **8/2012 – Present**
Managing Principal/President

Founded and managed a Diversified Services Company providing an array of business and management services to advance the client's interest and provide staff augmentation services. Other services include: Development, capacity building, program and operations evaluation and assessments, diversity and inclusion, coaching, fundraising, and planning. Clientele includes corporations, government, and higher educational institutions.

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY (FMU), Miami Gardens, FL **2/2011 – 12/2013**

Associate Vice President External Relations
Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Marketing and Communications
Member of the President's Cabinet and the University Administrative Council; provide leadership in developing strategic plans to bolster the FMU brand and implement strategies to increase funding to the institution. Provide effective oversight of organizational policies and procedures, including fiscal management and accountability. Provide leadership to a staff of 15 full time employees, diverse external consultants, part-time employees, and volunteer staff. Manage annual operating budget of over $1.2 million.

- Enhanced community relations to increase philanthropic initiatives
- Increased fundraising over 25% in first year
- Elevated transparency and visibility of FMU throughout South Florida and the Bahamas

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY (FAMU), Tallahassee, FL **6/2007-2/2011**

Director of the Office of Development
A member of the Division of University Relations Leadership Team; led a team to implement strategic initiatives to increase funding to the university including major and planned gifts; the FAMU Business and Industry Cluster, working with corporate partners to strengthen partnerships leading to increases in charitable giving and campaigns.

- Provided campaign leadership and set new benchmark in the Tom Joyner School of the Month campaign *(only participating school to reach and exceed a million dollars)*
- Increased Business and Industry Council membership over 40 percent providing expanded opportunities for student recruitment and internships.

Budget and Grants Specialist
Managed budgets and expenditures of Federal and State grants awarded to the FAMU Transportation Center within the College of Engineering, Science, Technology, and Agriculture, including the Federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation. Tracked and reported spending trends against budgeted allocations and projections. Maintained accurate financial records and spending reports. Assisted in developing proposals for new grants.

- Detected and corrected anomalies in budget reports, prevented deficits to ensure compliance

ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EPRI), Washington, DC **2/2000-10/2005**
Electricity Innovation Institute (E2I) – EPRI Affiliate Company **7/2001-10/2005**

Executive Director of Public Programs, Science and Technology Development
General Manager (acting), Electricity Innovation Institute
Co-led the development and implementation of a multi-million dollar non-profit affiliate of EPRI. Provided leadership to a team of external consultants including: Legal, marketing, technology research, development, and branding expertise. Participated in staffing, marketing, partnership development, space allocations, budgeting, and operational plans. Served as acting General Manager in start-up phase.

- Partnered with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to establish a U.S. university-based, Electricity Industry Center at Carnegie Mellon University
- Utilized strong business judgment and an entrepreneurial orientation, completed start-up entity within budget and on schedule

Director of Development and Marketing
Developed strategy, established public/private partnerships and funding mechanisms to advance long-term, strategic research in plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, distributed energy resources and renewable energy. Engaged external constituents and directed Stakeholder Advisory Group comprised of: White House officials, State and Federal Regulators, and Energy Associations. Routinely presented on complex scientific research initiatives before national and international audiences such as the National Governors Association, the World Energy Council, and the World Bank.

- Championed public/private partnership between industry and U.S. Department of Energy
- Increased brand recognition of Start-up Company within Federal and States markets

FLUOR CORPORATION (FLUOR DANIEL, INC.) **5/1993-10/1999**

Director of Government Relations, Washington, DC
Advocated corporate legislative and regulatory priorities. Established effective stakeholder engagement mechanisms through coalitions and networks. Engaged with political leaders, members of Congress, community organizations, and Trade Associations to achieve passage or defense of legislative priorities.

Brookings Congressional Fellow, Brookings Institute, Washington, DC **1/1998-1/1999**
Host Institutions: Fluor Corporation and the Office of Senator William Frist, M.D., R-TN
As a Loaned Executive, honed leadership skills and increased understanding of federal funding mechanisms, and global economies. Increased awareness of political realities, emerging political and socio-economic trends. Managed Science and Technology issues and provided leadership across a wide range of issues. Participated in the European Union Institute for Public Policy;

Critical Issues Forum (Maastricht, Netherlands and Brussels, Belgium), evaluating trends and issues in trade relations and currency.

Director of Business Development/Strategic Planning, Cincinnati, Ohio
Established strategic direction and market positioning as Global Account Manager for the Procter & Gamble Company. Developed new markets in Latin America and supported key initiatives in Southeast Asia including Indonesia, Philippines and China.

- Led negotiations, establishing the North America Construction Alliance Agreement with client, positioning division for over $100 million in revenue and increased backlog

- Recognized and profiled in company's 1996 annual stockholder's report

National Director of Supplier Diversity Program, Greenville, South Carolina
Served as Corporate Advocate for small, minority and women-owned businesses. Led a geographically dispersed team across the U.S., effectively implemented strategic initiatives for supplier diversity and compliance requirements. Outreach to diverse suppliers, trade associations, government and political officials. Developed Standard Operating Procedures, managed budgets, set goals, implemented training and development initiatives for staff, and served as corporate spokesperson. Provided consultation regarding minority recruitment, employment and procurement opportunities.

- Implemented effective processes leading to new benchmarks for supplier diversity transactions

- Effective leadership resulted in the company receiving numerous awards and recognitions

EDUCATION

Florida A&M University (FAMU), *Tallahassee, FL*
Bachelors of Science (BS), *Civil Engineering Technology*

Trinity Theological Seminary and College of the Bible, *Newburgh, Indiana*
Master of Arts (MA), *Biblical Studies*

International Academy of Apologetics, Human Rights, and Evangelism, *Strasburg, France*
Certificate, *Apologetics and Human Rights*

Covenant Bible College and Theological Seminary, *Tallahassee, FL*
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), *Theology*

GOVERNANCE

Miami Black Hospitality Initiative – Unit of the Greater Miami Visitors and Convention Bureau
Providentia International Inc. – a nonprofit 501 c 3 assisting individuals in career transitions
Author and Finisher Inc. – a nonprofit 501 c 3 with a mission to build better communities
Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union, Charleston, South Carolina
South Carolina Ethics Commission
South Carolina State Board of Correction
Minority Enterprise Development Week, chair – Charleston, SC
Cross-Cultural, Christ-Centered, Women's Mentoring Initiative – Springfield, Virginia