

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT

INFORMATION FORM

Part One: Board

Board Name: Workforce Alliance, Inc.

At Large or District

Special Requirements of the Seat:

*Reappointment or New Appointment

or to complete the term of _____

due to resignation of Larry Jordan

Term of Appointment: 3 years from May 15, 2007 To April 30, 2010

Part Two: Applicant (Unless exempted, must be a County resident)

Name: Mary L Watford

Occupation/Affiliation: Florida Dept. of Education – Vocational Rehabilitation Division

Resident Address: 11 East Braman Court

City & State: Fort Myers Zip Code: 33901

Business Address: 4110 Center Pointe Drive

City & State: Fort Myers Zip Code: 33196

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: (239) 278-7317

Minority Identification Code: (Circle One)

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| IF (American Indian Female) | IM (American Indian Male) |
| AF (Asian Female) | AM (Asian Male) |
| BF (Black Female) | BM (Black Male) |
| HF (Hispanic Female) | HM (Hispanic Male) |
| <u>WF (White Female)</u> | WM (White Male) |

Part Three: Commissioner Comments

5/15/07 Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:

*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number and nature of previously disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts

Signature: Karley Schmidt 4-19-07
Alliance President/CEO Date



5th April 2007

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
County Administration
301 North Olive
West Palm Beach

Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Workforce Alliance Board of Directors, I am respectfully requesting the appointment of Mary L. Watford, Area 5 Director for Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to the Workforce Alliance Board of Directors.

Criteria for being nominated and appointed to Workforce Alliance Board are that candidates be Chief Executive Officers or highest level of management positions as well as a residence of Palm Beach County, unless exempted. Please note that Ms. Watford is located in the Fort Myers area; however, in her role as Area 5 Director she is in charge of seven counties including the Palm Beach County regional office.

In addition, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation representation is one of the mandated One-Stop partners required by Workforce Florida, Inc. to comprise Workforce Alliance Board.

Based on this information, we are requesting your approval for the appointment of Mary L. Watford to the Workforce Alliance Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Schmidt".

Kathryn Schmidt
President/CEO

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February 19, 2007

Workforce Alliance
Administrative Office
Attention: Kathryn Schmidt
326 Fern Street- Suite 301
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

This is in response to your request to replace Larry Jordan, Area 5 Supervisor, after his resignation from the Board because of his relocation. I have recently reorganized the Area and no longer have this position located in Palm Beach County. However, as Area 5 Director, I would be delighted myself to serve as a Board member.

Area 5 covers a seven county area in South and Southwest Florida with three Workforce regions. I currently sit on the Region 22 Broward Workforce Development Board and Region 24 Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. I serve as the Chair of the First Jobs/First Wages Committee in SFWDB and as a committee member on Workforce One's Better Jobs/Better Wages. Both Boards, however, are processing a committee restructuring plan. In addition, I am a member of the Regional Leadership Team in Region 24.

I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and have my Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Tennessee. I have served in the rehabilitation field in the States of Virginia and Tennessee as well as Florida. I have been in the Administrative area of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Florida Department of Education since August 1985. I have a special interest in youth in transition from schools to careers and am committed to workforce development.

I am available at (239) 278-7317 if you need to contact me and will wait for further word on my approval from the Board. Thank you again for this consideration.

Sincerely,


Mary L. Watford

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Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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