

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** MAY 5, 2015

**Advisory Board:** CAREERSOURCE PALM BEACH COUNTY

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion & Title:** Staff recommends the following appointment to the CareerSource Palm Beach County (CareerSource) Youth and Young Adult Outreach Committee ("Youth Council") for the period May 5, 2015 through May 4, 2018:

Nominee/Appointment	Seat No.	Nominated By
Christopher G. Cothran	12	Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL")

**Summary:** The membership of the CareerSource Youth Council conforms to the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, WIA 117(h)(1)-(3) and 20 CFR 661.335 and the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000. Per WIA there shall be established, as a subgroup within each local board, a Youth Council appointed by the local board. The Workforce Accountability Act, 445 F.S. approved by the Florida Legislature effective July 1, 2012, requires that CareerSource establish a Youth Council subject to the approval of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners as Chief Elected Official. The CareerSource Youth Council is comprised of 16 members recommended by the CareerSource Board of Directors with representatives appointed in accordance with WIA. Countywide (JB)

**Background and Justification:** Public Law 105-220 (WIA 1998) Section 117 (h) states that the membership of each Youth Council shall include members of the local board with special interest or expertise in youth policy; representatives of youth service agencies, including juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies; representatives of local public housing authorities; parents of eligible youth seeking assistance; individuals, including former participants, and representatives of organizations, that have experience relating to youth activities and may include such other individuals as the chairperson of the local board, in cooperation with the Chief Elected Official, determines to be appropriate. Policy for this item is defined in Article 9. b.h. of Document (R2007-1220) an Interlocal Agreement between Palm Beach County and the Cities of Delray Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, South Bay and West Palm Beach.

Existing diversity makeup of the CareerSource Youth Council is as follows: 29% Male Caucasian; 14% Female Caucasian; 14% Male African-American; 22% Female African-American; 14% Male Hispanic American and 7% Female Hispanic American.

**Attachments:**

- 1. Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Boards/Committees Application (1)
- 2. Current CareerSource Youth Council Membership

**Recommended by:** Steve Craig 4-3-15  
Department Director Steve Craig Date  
President/CEO CareerSource Palm Beach County

**Legal Sufficiency:** James Brubaker 4/27/15  
Assistant County Attorney Date

*The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. Please **COMPLETE SECTION II IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please attach a biography or résumé to this form.***

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**Section II Continued:**

**CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS:** Pursuant to Article XIII, Sec. 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, advisory board members are prohibited from entering into any contract or other transaction for goods or services with Palm Beach County. Exceptions to this prohibition include awards made under sealed competitive bids, certain emergency and sole source purchases, and transactions that do not exceed \$500 per year in aggregate. These exemptions are described in the Code. This prohibition does not apply when the advisory board member's board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction and the contract or transaction is disclosed at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. **To determine compliance with this provision, it is necessary that you, as a board member applicant, identify all contractual relationships between Palm Beach County government and you as an individual, directly or indirectly, or your employer or business.** This information should be provided in the space below. If there are no contracts or transactions to report, please verify that none exist. Staff will review this information and determine if you are eligible to serve or if you may be eligible for an exception or waiver pursuant to the code.

<u>Contract/Transaction No.</u>	<u>Department/Division</u>	<u>Description of Services</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)</u>	<u>Parks &amp; Recreation</u>	<u>General Maintenance</u>	<u>10/01/00-09/30/2100</u>
<u>See Attached</u>			
(Attach Additional Sheet(s), if necessary)			
OR			
NONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE/ (Governmental Entity)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ETHICS TRAINING:** All board members are required to read and complete training on Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and read the State Guide to the Sunshine Amendment. **Article XIII, and the training requirement can be found on the web at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/training.htm>.** Ethics training is on-going, and pursuant to PPM CW-P-79 is required before appointment, and upon reappointment.

☒ By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and I have received the required Ethics training (in the manner checked below):

☒ By watching the training program on the Web, DVD or VHS on 4/16 2015

☐ By attending a live presentation given on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

AND

☐ By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment & State of Florida Code of Ethics:

\*Applicant's Signature: Christopher G. Colman Printed Name: Christopher G. Colman Date: 4/16/15

Any questions and/or concerns regarding Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, please visit the Commission on Ethics website [www.palmbeachcountyethics.com](http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com) or contact us via email at [ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com](mailto:ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com) or (561) 233-0724.

**Return this FORM to:**

**ATTN: Sharon Brea, Contracts Manager, CareerSource Palm Beach County**  
**3400 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406**

**Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):**

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:

Commissioner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



April 14, 2015

Sharon Brea  
Contracts Manager  
CareerSource Palm Beach County  
3400 Belvedere Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Ms. Brea

Enclosed you will find my completed Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Board/Committee Application, Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests 2014, and my updated resume for your records.

In conformance with Section II of the Application, I am listing the following contracts/agreements that Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) and its subsidiaries have with Palm Beach County and related governmental entities:

- Franchise Agreement between Palm Beach County and FPL;
- Water Agreements between Palm Beach County and FPL;
- FPL is the exclusive electricity provider to the majority of Palm Beach County's operations;
- FPL has entered into numerous easement, right of way, and consent agreements with Palm Beach County as part of our mandate to provide electricity; and

Please review the enclosed material along with the items listed above as part of my application to continue my role as a director with Career Source Palm Beach, and join the Youth and Young Adult Outreach Committee.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris G. Cothran', written in a cursive style.

Christopher G. Cothran  
Manager, Property Tax

Florida Power & Light Company

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700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408

**Christopher G. Cothran, CPA, CVA, CGMA**

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**Florida Power & Light Company – Juno Beach, FL**  
**Manager, Property Tax**

9/2011 – Present

- Responsible for leading all property tax functions relating to NextEra Energy, Inc., including Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), NextEra Energy Resources (NEER), NextEra Energy Transmission (NEET), and other subsidiaries. Manage an annual property tax expense of more than \$500 million.
- Areas of responsibility include tangible personal property compliance, asset appraisal/valuation, forecasting of property tax expense, property tax research, tax bill review and approval, complex negotiations, appeals, legislative involvement, and litigation efforts.
- Familiar with a broad scope of businesses, including rate regulated utilities and independent power producers.
- Responsible for leading a team of six property tax professionals to lawfully optimize tax obligations for the company using absolute integrity.
- Quickly integrated into a dynamic team to add immediate value by leading negotiations for projects that materially impact the forecasted property tax expense.
- Developed effective relationships with Business Management, Project Accounting, Business Development, and External Parties. Recognized by peers and customers as a subject matter expert and for the ability to explain complex information in an easy to understand, actionable format.
- Frequent presenter to several different groups regarding technical appraisal topics, electric utilities, the history and repowering of FPL's generation portfolio and other topics.

**Templeton & Company, LLP – West Palm Beach, FL**  
**Valuation Services Partner**

4/2009 – 9/2011

- Practice leader of the Business Valuation and Specialty Services group. Responsible for establishment and expansion of niche practice within a traditional accounting firm. Practice focused on valuation engagements in shareholder disputes, estate and gift tax planning, financial reporting, and litigation support.
- Responsible for the development of a referral network including practitioners and clients of valuation services.
- Developed a plan for sustainable cross selling of services with Templeton & Company's other practice areas.
- Responsible for the delivery of valuation results directly to business owners and C-level executives
- Prepared responses to questions from auditors and attorneys in order to defend various assumptions made or positions taken, and explaining data used during valuation process.

**WTAS LLC – West Palm Beach, FL**  
**Manager – Business Valuation/Specialized Tax Services**

4/2005 – 4/2009

- Provided strategic financial consulting services to clients in various industries in connection with mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, owner/operator exit planning, and estate and gift tax reporting.
- Served client needs in the area of financial reporting related to the fair value measurements of intangible assets, stock options and warrants, purchase price allocations, and intangible asset impairment testing.
- Served as the primary Manager on purchase price allocation engagements with aggregate transaction values in excess of \$1 billion.
- Practice leader of the West Palm Beach office's Cost Segregation Practice. Responsible for the marketing, project management, and production of client deliverables related to the cost segregation of capital expenditures for state and federal income tax purposes.

- Developed financial models that reflected the pro forma effects of acquisitions, partnerships, and start-ups for the Neonatology and Pediatric Cardiology pediatric sub-specialty groups.
- Coordinated the collection of all due diligence material, as well as distribution of that information to all internal departments for their review in order to verify the accuracy of information provided by acquisition targets.
- Coordinated communications between internal departments to confirm the receipt of all required closing documents prior to funding transactions.

- Created financial models to show the pro forma effects of proposed transactions.
- Conducted market and industry research for the purpose of targeting potential acquisitions, as well as recognizing underperforming dealerships currently in operation.
- Compiled and reviewed due diligence material for the use in both divestitures and acquisition scenarios.

- Determined the fair market value of privately held entities, debt instruments, and intangible assets through the use of the Income, Market, and Asset/Cost Approaches to value.
- Analyzed economic, industry, and financial markets to assess their impact on key value drivers.
- Prepared thorough written reports and made oral presentations to firm and client management regarding the value of equity interests in privately held business and intangible assets.
- Provided income tax compliance assistance to high net worth individuals and families, and owners of closely held businesses.
- Performed research in the areas of estate, gift, trust, state and local, and charitable tax planning

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**EDUCATION, CREDENTIALS, AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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**Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL**  
Master of Accounting – Forensic Accounting

12/2007

**Clemson University, Clemson, SC**  
Bachelors of Science – Agriculture and Applied Economics

5/2000

**Certified Public Accountant**  
Florida CPA License – 0041352

4/2009

**Certified Valuation Analyst**  
A credentialed administered by the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts

5/2007

**Chartered Global Management Accountant**  
A credential sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

5/2012

**Professional Affiliations/Community Involvement:**  
CareerSource Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL – Board Member  
Florida United Tax Managers Association (FUTMA) – Vice President  
Cub Scout Pack 774 – Lighthouse Elementary, Jupiter, FL – Committee Chair

**CareerSource Palm Beach County Youth and Young Adult Outreach Committee ("Youth Council")**  
**Membership and Advisors (4/2/15)**

**Membership**

The Youth Council is a subgroup of the local board whose members are appointed by the local board in cooperation with the chief elected officials for the local area. In accordance with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) the Youth Council must include:

- **Members of the local board, such as educators/special education personnel, employers, and representatives of human service agencies with special interest or expertise in youth policy;**
  - *Mel D. Coleman, Ed. D. – Nova Southeastern University*
  - *Steven M. Parrish, P.A. – Attorney*
  - *Ed Gruvman – Nutrition S'Mart*
  - *Peter Licata – School District of Palm Beach County*
  - *Mary Watford – Local Board Representation of a Local Human Service Agency*
- **Members who represent service agencies, such as juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies;**
  - *Dr. Barbara Gerlock – Chair, Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board*
  - *Greg Starling – Florida Department of Juvenile Justice*
- **Representatives of local public housing authorities;**
  - *Dorothy Ellington – Delray Beach Housing Authority*
- **Parents of eligible youth seeking WIA assistance;**
  - *Michelle Fulse – Parent of Youth seeking WIA assistance*
- **Individuals, including former participants, and representatives of organizations that have experience relating to youth activities;**
  - *Andante Hurst - former participant*
  - *Anacaona Florentino – former participant*
- **Representatives of the Job Corps, if a Job Corps Center is located in the local area;**
  - *Edmund Rosario– Cornerstone Solutions, Job Corps Services Provider*
- **Other individuals in cooperation with the chief elected official(s), determines appropriate;**
  - *Channell Wilkins – Palm Beach County, Community Services*
  - *\*Christopher G. Cothran- Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") replacing seat 12 vacated by Dr. Melody Sanger*

\*To be approved May 5, 2015 by the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners