

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Library Board of Trustees – Please Print

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By Donna Gordon at 7:57 am, Oct 13, 2025

Name: CLARA KIM

Residence Address: 313 SW Otter Run Pl, Stuart, 34997
Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(if different) Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 2^{dg} Staff will complete.

Are you available year round to attend meetings? ☒ yes ☐ no If no, what months are you available?

Telephone numbers: daytime: 201 606 3618 alternate: _____ alternate: _____
~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: CLARA.KIM.MARTIN@EMAIL.COM

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☒ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES: _____

DATES: _____

PLACES (city/state): _____

SENTENCES OR FINES: _____

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

Length of time lived in Florida? 3 years

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: Active and grateful Patron,
Passionate beneficiary of the Martin County Library System.

What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? _____

Accessible and inclusive environment to meet the diverse
and dynamic needs of the community

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☒ yes ☐ no

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Economics - Political Science
Columbia College, Columbia University, New York

Employment Experience: Please see attached Resume

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: Please
see attached letter

Community Experience and Affiliations: _____

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: _____

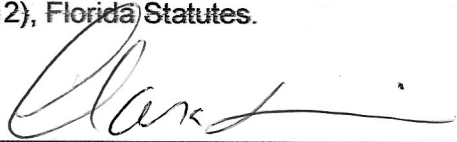
Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that you are an officer or employee of have an existing contract with Martin County? If yes, please explain:

NO

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Kevin Hopkins 732-991-7229 Gregory Chow 658 8408 3396

- Applicant may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Sections 112.313(3) and (7), Florida Statutes. However, upon full disclosure by the Applicant, the conflict may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners by a supermajority vote. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes.

→ Signature: 

Date: Oct 10, 2025

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, October 10, 2025. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

Dear Board of Martin County Commissioners,

Thank you for your consideration of my application for the Library Board of Trustees. As a newcomer to Martin County, having repatriated back to the U.S. after 15 years of working and living abroad, Martin County libraries, its wonderful staff and volunteers have made a meaningful positive impact on my family's transition.

Personally, as a new mom settling in a new city with a young child, I deeply appreciate the wonderful children's department programs and the talented and dedicated staff. Not only are they extremely knowledgeable but also are genuinely kind, inviting and engaging. The programs and spaces provide a safe, fun and educational environment for children and moreover, an inclusive place for parents and caregivers to connect, exchange community information and develop friendships.

Blake library is where my then one year old daughter attended her first music and motion class, led by wonderful Ms. Haley. Morgade library is where my daughter learned her first American nursery rhymes with Ms. Autumn and Ms. Lisa. Hoke library is where she developed her love for musical instruments with Mr. Brian and Ms. Lee. Cummings library is where she first got introduced to yoga with Ms. Kim. Hobe Sound library is where she attended her first dance party with Ms. Emily.

Growing up as an English as a second language immigrant student in New York, and later as an expatriate living and working abroad in four different countries, libraries have always been one of my first port of calls to get connected with the community. As an avid learner and reader, many different local libraries in the U.S. and abroad have been my 'home away from home'. Martin County library system, however, stands out with its world class staff, programs, facilities and resources, even when compared to those in larger cities such as New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.

While I am relatively new to Martin County, I would truly appreciate the opportunity to get more connected and give back to the community, in particular through the Martin County library system, for which I am deeply grateful and feel passionate and proud about. I hope my diverse international background and governance and financial management knowledge from my professional experience can be of service.

Sincerely,

Clara Kim

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Passionate people leader, effective team builder and seasoned investment and risk management professional with 15+ years of experience in global financial markets spanning across North America, Asia and Europe.

Professional Experience

AIA Investment Management

Singapore

Head of Global Developed Markets, Fixed Income - Senior Portfolio Manager

May 2019 – Oct 2022

- Established and led Center of Excellence responsible for management and oversight of USD60bn externally managed fixed income portfolios across AIA Group
- Led manager due diligence, selection, allocation and portfolio management across Investment Grade, High Yield and multi-sector credit strategies
- Regular presentations to investment committees, monthly and quarterly portfolio reviews and senior management updates
- Regular speaker and mentor at investment conferences and trainings

AIA Group Limited

Hong Kong

Associate Director – Group Investment Risk

Feb 2016 – Apr 2019

- Monitor and manage AIA investment risk exposure with specialization in credit risk analysis
- Review and approve internal credit rating proposals, investment limits and exceptions
- Prepare Board and senior management committee materials on key risk issues and recommend mitigating actions
- Develop and implement effective risk management framework, policies and procedures in line with evolving business needs and risk landscape
- Led independent 3rd party review of AIA Group's internal credit rating framework and presented to insurance regulators in Hong Kong, Singapore and Bermuda

Moody's Investors Service

Singapore & Hong Kong

Credit Rating Analyst – Corporate Finance Group

May 2012 – Feb 2016

- Conduct fundamental credit and financial analysis to construct credit opinion and present rating recommendations to rating committees
- Author in-depth credit research and present to investors through public teleconferences and in-person meetings
- Cultivate and manage relationships with issuers, investors and market intermediaries

Business Development Manager

Dec 2010 – Apr 2012

- Analyze and research new business opportunities and debt capital market trends in Asia; support regional business development and client relationship management

North Asia Investment Corporation

Seoul, Korea

Investment Associate

Sep 2008 – Sep 2010

- Supported launch of Korea's first SPAC (special purpose acquisition company) listing on NYSE
- Due diligence and financial analysis on acquisition targets

Merrill Lynch & Co

New York

Investment Banking Analyst

Jan 2007 – Aug 2008

- Supported corporate finance advisory, including initial public offerings, mergers & acquisitions and LBOs
- Select transaction experience: VF Corp acquisition of 7 For All Mankind (US\$775m); Lumber Liquidators IPO (\$150m); Le Lis Blanc IPO (\$85m)

Dresdner Kleinwort

New York & London

Investment Banking Analyst

Jul 2006 – Dec 2006

- Industry and company research, peer company analysis, financial and valuation modeling

Education

Columbia College, Columbia University – New York

Sep 2002 – May 2006

Bachelor of Arts in Economics – Political Science

Honors / Scholarships: Columbia College Scholar, BP Community Scholarship recipient