

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

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By Donna Gordon at 9:39 am, Oct 08, 2025

Name: Tyler James Obenauf

Residence Address: 2551 SW Racquet Club Drive Palm City 34990
Street - City - Zip Code

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

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Commission District in which you reside: _____ Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 585.738.8895 alternate: _____ alternate: _____

Area Codes are considered 1/2 unless you note otherwise

EMAIL: tyler.obenauf@gmail.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? 16 yrs.

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: Frequent visitor to
Cummings and Blake branches w/ 3 yr. old son.

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What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? A
place for children to explore and imagine and a place for teens
to grow and a place for adults to engage and learn.

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: _____

Employment Experience: _____

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: _____

Community Experience and Affiliations: Palm Beach Association of Criminal
Defense Lawyers

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

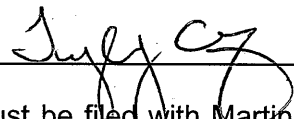
Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that you are an officer or employee of have an existing contract with Martin County? If yes, please explain:

N/A

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Miss Virginia Murphy 561.234.9550 Miss Schnellz Tonge 407.443.6755

- 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: 10/8/25

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.

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EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center), Concord, New Hampshire

Juris Doctor (2009)

- Associate Justice, Moot Court Board
- Co-Chair, Public Interest Coalition
- Treasurer, Student Bar Association

State University of New York, College at Oneonta

Bachelor of Science, Political Science and History (2006), *cum laude*

- Harris Memorial Academic Achievement Award
- Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, President and Treasurer
- Omicron Delta Kappa

EXPERIENCE

Office of the Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit, West Palm Beach, FL
Assistant Public Defender, August 2009 – July 2018; May 2019 – present

Trial attorney assigned to various division within a fast-paced office. Tasked with representing clients charged with various crimes at the juvenile and adult level. Responsible for all aspects of representation from communicating with clients, visiting clients, researching, writing, and filing pre-trial motions and handling non-jury and jury trials.

Meltzer & Bell, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, FL
Associate Attorney, July 2018 – May 2019

Associate attorney tasked with attending court hearings, keeping clients informed about changes in their case and researching, writing and filing motions.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Take Stock in Children, Adult Mentor (August 2015 – May 2018)

Adult mentor who met weekly with high school mentee as part of scholarship program. Offered insight to various high school classes and college options.

Merrimack County (New Hampshire) Teen Court (August 2006 – May 2007)

Mentor to participants in diversion-based court to avoid criminal charges for offenses.