

# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Library Board of

## Trustees – Please Print

Check One: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☒ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr.

Name: Linda C. Gardner

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By Donna Gordon at 8:59 am, Mar 11, 2021

Residence Address: 22 SE Harbor Point Drive;  
Stuart FL 34996

Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address:  
(if different)

Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 1<sup>dg</sup> Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 585.469.0730 alternate: \_\_\_\_\_ alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: Linda@lindagardner.net

**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? 8 months

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: Patron; Book Club participant

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Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board of Trustees? I have been involved with libraries for much of my lifetime. My mother worked at a library; my first job in high school and college were in libraries, and I served as a trustee and chairman of the Library Board of Trustees in Mendon NY. The library is an integral part of any community; providing information sources, a platform for sharing ideas and perspectives, and a gathering place. My objective for serving is to support the continuity and growth of these functions in the Martin County area.

What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? The purpose of the library is to: 1. Provide access to free informational and educational resources; 2. Offer support to under-served populations; 3. Promote literacy; and 4. Encourage community involvement.

**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: BA (Psychology); MBA (Finance)

Employment Experience: Self-employed; Gardner Financial, Inc. delivers training programs in financial analysis to the banking industry.

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**Other experience** you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: I served as a trustee and chairman on the Board of Trustees for the Mendon Public Library. I worked with the Town Board in the budget approval process and worked to get approval for a bond to fund the building of a new library facility.

Community Experience and Affiliations: Worked with various community programs including Rochester Community Boating Foundation; Honeoye Falls School District; First Presbyterian Church.

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 hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain:


**REFERENCES:** Please list two references:

Laurie Guenther; Mendon Public Library; Mendon, NY; [laurie.guenther@libraryweb.org](mailto:laurie.guenther@libraryweb.org); (585) 624-6067

Jeff Bowers; Stuart FL; [info@masterpiecebuilders.com](mailto:info@masterpiecebuilders.com); (772) 283-2096

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- Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla Stat.

→ Signature: 

Date: 3/10/21

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, March 19**, 2021. All information submitted becomes public record.

If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to [dgordon@martin.fl.us](mailto:dgordon@martin.fl.us).

# Linda C. Gardner

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## Experience

1991-Present                      Gardner Financial, Inc.                      Stuart, FL

### Principal

- Develop and implement corporate finance and credit training programs for corporations, trade organizations, and investment and commercial banks.
- Consult and evaluate training programs for credit granting institutions.

1981-1991                      Citibank                      Rochester, NY

### Vice President, Commercial Lending

- Created and managed a credit department for a commercial lending business.
- Sourced and managed a portfolio of commercial loan relationships.
- Created and coordinated an inter-disciplinary team to acquire loan portfolios from other financial institutions.

1985-1995                      Rochester Institute of Technology                      Rochester, NY

### Adjunct Professor

Taught Corporate Finance courses to undergraduates.

## Education

1979-1981                      Rochester Institute of Technology                      Rochester, NY  
M.B.A., Corporate Finance

1972-1976                      University of Rochester                      Rochester, NY  
B.A., Psychology.

## Community Service

2005 – 2010                      Rochester Community Boating Foundation  
Developed and implemented funding programs to provide access to boating in the Rochester NY area to all regardless of income, ability or disability.

2000 – 2005                      Mendon Public Library  
Served as both a trustee and chairperson on the library's governing board, providing advice and counsel to the library director on operations, policy, and strategic direction.