

Board and Committee Membership Application

City of New Port Richey
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Applicant Information

Name

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(attach copy of DL for residency verification)

Boards and Committees

Please describe why you are interested in serving on a board or committee for the City of New Port Richey:

Please choose which board or committee you are interested in serving on:

- Cultural Affairs Committee (meets on the third Wednesday of each month)
- Environmental Committee (meets on the second Monday of each month)
- Firefighters Pension Board (meets on a quarterly basis)
- Historic Preservation Board (meets on the second Monday of the month)
- Land Development Review Board (meets on the fourth Thursday of the month)
- Library Advisory Board (meets on the fourth Monday of the month)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (meets on the second Tuesday of the month)
- Police Pension Board (meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month)

Have you attended any meetings of the board or committee on which you want to serve?

Yes No If yes, how many have you attended? 1

Previous Board or Committee Experience

Have you ever served on a board or committee with any governmental unit? If so, please describe:

See Attached

Previous Volunteer or Community Service Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer or community service experience.

See Attached

Special Skills, Interests and/or Qualifications

Summarize special skills, interests and/or qualifications you possess which you feel would be beneficial to the board or committee you are applying for membership to.

See Attached

Employment/Experience

Job Title:	Employer:
<i>Currently retired after a career of 33 years as Director of</i>	
Address Line 1: <i>Washington County Schools</i>	Address Line 2: <i>189 W. Tabernacle Transportation</i>
City: <i>St. George</i>	State: <i>Utah</i>
Zip Code: <i>84790</i>	County: <i>Washington</i>
Work Phone: <i>435 673-3553</i>	<i>435 652 4721</i>

Professional licenses held:

See attached

Previous employment or experience:

See attached

Memberships in professional, civic organizations or government boards or committees:

See attached

Personal References

Please provide three (3) references other than relatives. List name, phone number and relationship to you.

Name (printed)	Phone Number	Relationship
Craig Hammer	435-632-3488	Previous Boss
Brent Sampson	202-334-8044	Previous Boss
Brent Bills	435-632-0879	Previous Boss
Jennifer Stuper	727-234-3434	Friend

Eligibility Verification

To serve on a City Board or Committee you must either be a current resident of the city or own a business within the city limits. You must also be a registered voter. Please check all that apply.

I currently live within the city limits.
 I am a registered voter in Florida

I own a business within the city limits
(attach copy of voter identification card)

Have you ever been convicted, pleaded guilty or no lo contendere to any criminal offense? (A yes answer to the above question does not automatically preclude you from being considered. The circumstances, timeframe and relevant factors are considered on an individual basis.)

Yes No

If yes, please explain (including date):

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a Board or Committee member, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)

Lauri Schmutz Harden

Signature

Lauri Schmutz Harden

Date

February 20th 2023

Selection Process

Once your application has been reviewed and your eligibility to serve has been verified, you will be contacted by the City Clerk to appear at an upcoming City Council meeting so that Council may address any questions they may have regarding your application. Applications are valid for one year from the date they are submitted.

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us. Please return the completed form back to Judy Meyers, City Clerk, City of New Port Richey, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652. You may also send it via e-mail to meyersj@cityofnewportrichey.org. If you have any questions or need any further information please contact the City Clerk's Office at (727) 853-1021.

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Date Application Received:

Type of Application: New Member Renewal

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Previous board or committee experience with any government experience: Have you ever served on a board or committee with any governmental unit? If so, please describe.

Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Dixie Transportation Executive Council. Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC - MPO Technical Advisory Committee) hosted by Five County Association of Governments.

- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning Committee
- Awarded TIP funding, CRP, STP, and TAP funds, also recommend regional projects such as trails, bike paths, streets and improvements.
- Worked with the local transit groups on planning for current and future needs.

City of St George's Active Transportation Committee (ATC)

- Walking and bicycling should be integral pieces of the city.
- Safe shopping, exercising, visiting friends, walking, and biking should be a natural part of the city allowing St. George residents and visitors to enjoy increased mobility and independence,
- Increased property values, improved health, a safer walking, and bicycling environment, and, in general, better quality of life.

Previous Volunteer or Community Service Experience: Summarize your previous volunteer or community service experience.

- Volunteered for 30 plus years for the City of St. George every March for the St. George Marathon.
- Volunteered for 10 years for the Iron Man Organization.
- Became trained in Certified Emergency Responder Team (CERT) I helped teach and did moulage makeup for several classes until I moved to Florida.

Special Skills, Interests and/or qualifications you possess which you feel would be beneficial to the board or committee you are applying for membership.

I had the privilege to work for Washington County School District for 33 years where I coordinated with 30 cities often. The individuals that worked for the Parks & Recreation, Police, Streets and Engineering as well as the Fire Departments became part of our team in the school district. I have learned, listened, and watched for many years from professionals and would love to be part of the New Port Richey Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Employment/Experience: Currently Retired after a 33 year career in transportation.

Director of School Transportation for Washington County School District.

- Supervised just under 200 employees and responsible for design and implementation of a transportation plan to ensure students' safe, timely, and efficient transportation for a district that had over 5% growth annually.
- Managed the daily operations, \$7,500,000.00 budget.
- Developed funding reports for budget meetings and priority meetings. Approved all expenditures daily to ensure proper record-keeping; oversaw all scheduling and routing.
- Ensured compliance with all applicable laws governing pupil transportation, policy development, implementation and procedures, training development and implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Communicated to the concerns of the community in a timely manner.
- Prepared accurate state reports for State Board of Education
- Testified to the Utah State Legislatures regarding transportation matters and funding.
- Provided benchmarks and budget information for efficiency.
- Employed 33 years. September 11, 1987-Retirement March 1, 2020. During that time, I experienced all positions from Bus Driver to Secretary; Router and Payroll; and retired as the Director.

Skills:

- Microsoft Office 365 Suite and Google G Suite
- Excellent communication skills and people skills
- Fast learner
- Strong presentation skills
- Developed training and in-services programs, including on-line with Canvas software.
- PowerSchool, Kronos, Canvas, Quick books, budget, inventory and purchasing software.
- Developed & implemented policy and procedures.
- Ability to input data, keep essential information up to date.
- Ability to look up case law and research law and regulations.
- Ability to respond appropriately and in a timely manner to common inquiries or complaints from employees, regulatory agencies, administrators, students, or members of the community.
- Enjoy learning innovative programs.
- Routing Software and Mapping (GPS)

Summary of duties for the Utah Association of Pupil Transportation until 2019

- Membership dues, billing, and renewal
- Vendor registration and billing organized the vendor show.
- Quick Books accounting, banking, and budget reports
- Assisted with developing the agenda for annual conferences.
- Find and schedule presenters and equipment.
- Arranged Facilities, food and beverage for meetings and conferences.

Education:

- Dixie State University (misc. courses)
- Southern Utah University (misc. courses)
- Western New Mexico University (misc. courses)
(I did not gather my credits for a degree, I took numerous classes that pertained to my employment).
- Evans Beauty College Graduate
- North Sevier High School Graduate (High Honor Roll)

Professional Licenses and Certifications:

- Certified Director of Transportation (National Association of Pupil Transportation)
- Certified School Bus Driver Instructor (Utah State Board of Education)
- Certified School Bus Instructor (California Highway Patrol/Department of Education)
- FEMA Certified Emergency Management Instructor for Schools
- Commercial Driver License with School Bus, Passenger and Airbrake Endorsements (CDL)

Current Association Memberships:

11/08 Current Member of SHRM, Society of Human Resource Management
1/98 Current Member of NAPT, National Association of Pupil Transportation

Association Elected Positions:

2006-12 Elected National Association of Pupil Transportation, Director at Large.
2018/2020 Elected Utah Association of Pupil Transportation, President
2007/08 Elected Utah Association of Pupil Transportation, President
2000 to 2017 Appointed UAPT Treasurer & Conference Planner/Event Organizer

NAPT Committees:

2006 Training and Certification Committee (Chaired)
2007 Finance (Chaired)
2007–current Election (Chaired and Co-Chaired)
2007–2016 Awards (Chaired and Co-Chaired)
2008-2010 Treasurer
2009-2014 Leading Everyday (Chaired and assisted in the development)
2010-12 Larson Award (Chaired)
2016–current Special Needs Advisory Committee (member)

UAPT & Utah State Board of Education Committees:

1997 Helped Start UAPT it was part of UASBO, Utah Association of School Business Officials
1997-2020 Conference Planning
2010-2020 Transportation Advisory Board (Special Ed)
2015-20 Legislative Committee
2017-2020 Training/ELDT Taskforce
1998-2020 State Training Committee

NCST, National Congress on School Transportation Writing Committees:

2005 – Current Served on several writing committees, vice chaired and chaired including the current chair for Specking the Specially Equipped School Bus Section

Utah School Bus Standards Writing Committee:

2010 & 2015 Utah School Bus Standards Editions, Steering Committee Member & Chair of Special Needs, Infants, and Toddlers, Bus Attendant Instruction Writing

Awards and Recognition and Achievements:

1992-93 Superintendents Award for Excellent, Washington County School District
1999-2000 Special Recognition and Appreciation for outstanding leadership and service to Utah Association of Pupil Transportation
2000 Appreciation for outstanding efforts to create increased safety in transporting students with special needs in Utah and many years of dedicated service. Utah Special Needs Consortium
2003 Special Recognition from NAPT for helping with the 29th Annual Conference and Trade Show
2010 Outstanding Contributions to the Development of Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations
2014 Peter Grandolfo Memorial Award for Excellence in Student Transportation
2016 Surlock Q'Straint Special Needs Transportation Award for Excellence in Transporting Students with Special Needs
2020 Outstanding Leadership as President of UAPT
2020 Distinguished Service Award for Keeping the students in Utah Safe

Additional Training:

- Emergency Management Institute: Certification in NIMS, Incident Command System
- Crisis Prevention Institute, Certified Instructor for Crisis Intervention (CPI)
- Multi-hazard Emergency Planning for Schools Train the Trainer (FEMA)
- Accident Investigation Certificate
- US Department of Transportation Safety Institute
- The Crisis Prevention Institute, Certified Instructor: Safety on the School Bus
- Operation Life Saver, Instructor: Railroad Crossings
- Screening Test Technician, Alcohol Testing
- Certified in drug and alcohol training for school bus drivers
- Certified Instructor for Sexual Harassment (The Hostel School Bus)
- Defensive Driving Instructor Utah State Safety Council, DDC AFID#041625-000-03
- First Aid and CPR Instructor Utah State Safety Council
- Certified Instructor Behavior Management, National School Transportation Academy

Local Memberships:

Member of a Local Christian Church
Member of The American Legion, Post 79