

Boards Application Form

Profile

If interested in one of these boards please fill out this application and submit.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: Submitted

Emily

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Harkins

Prefix

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

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Home Address

Suite or Apt

Merritt Island

City

FL

State

32953

Postal Code

Home: (407) 405-6250

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

How long have you been a resident of Brevard County?

2 Years

To which Commissioner are you applying?

☒ District 2

Do you consent to a standard criminal background check?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Question applies to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
In which Commission District do you live? *

☒ District 2

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I prefer to receive correspondence by: *

☒ Email

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Occupation (Firm & Duties)

Don Harkins Realty: As the Operations Manager and co-owner of Don Harkins Realty, I oversee the day-to-day management of the brokerage, ensuring smooth operations across multiple departments. My primary responsibilities include developing and implementing marketing strategies, pricing strategies, and client engagement efforts to drive growth. I focus on mentoring agents, helping them leverage their skills and grow their businesses, and attract new talent through unique service offerings such as a high commission split and a la carte support services. I also ensure the brokerage remains financially healthy and aligned with its long-term goals, particularly focusing on expanding our portfolio of passive income-generating residential properties. SeaDog Property Management: As the Operations Director and co-owner of SeaDog Property Management, I am responsible for the efficient management of residential rental properties, focusing on providing quality services for both tenants and property owners. My role includes overseeing property maintenance, managing lease agreements, and ensuring compliance with local regulations. I am committed to optimizing property performance and providing exceptional customer service, while also expanding our portfolio to build long-term wealth. My attention to detail, coupled with my knowledge of real estate operations, ensures we deliver a consistent, high-quality experience for our clients, contributing to the growth of the business and the community's affordable housing options.

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List Education Degrees and/or Licenses:

Bachelor of Architecture, Minor in Global Studies, Drury University, Springfield, MO (2003)
Certificate in Environmental Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY (2002)

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Meetings are held on Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm about every 6 weeks at the Brevard County Government Center at Viera. Can you attend?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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By Florida Statutes, the Affordable Housing Council must be made up of persons representing different interests and professions. Please mark all of the position(s) that you believe you could represent on the council and are interested in serving. *

☒ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.

☒ One Brevard County resident who represents employers within the jurisdiction.

Are you currently serving on any State, Regional or Brevard County board, council, or committees? If so please name.

No

Do you have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business or any agency which is subject to the regulation of or is doing business with Brevard County? If so, please explain.

No

Emily C Harkins

Please explain your interests and experiences.

I am passionate about real estate, property management, and building wealth through strategic investments, particularly through residential sales and rentals. I am deeply committed to ensuring that all citizens have access to safe and affordable housing options and want to serve Brevard by helping find solutions to the rising costs of housing in our area, while maintaining a clean and safe environment for future generations. I love mentoring and helping others grow professionally, particularly within my brokerage, where I support agents in achieving their goals. Outside of work, I am focused on wellness, balancing my attention to fitness, strength training, and personal growth. I also enjoy creative outlets such as painting and value family time, making sure to cultivate strong relationships with my children and husband. I am passionate about volunteering at my children's school and on their sports teams, finding joy in being an active participant in their lives and supporting our local community.

Please explain your background, including education, work experience, civic or community organization memberships and positions, and any professional licenses or memberships, and how this applies to the function of the Board, Council or Committee that you are interested in serving on.

My background in real estate and property management, combined with my personal experiences, has shaped my deep commitment to supporting those facing housing instability. I hold extensive experience in real estate operations, pricing strategy, and property management, having worked in residential real estate for over a decade. In addition to my business expertise, my time working with the Commission on Homelessness gave me firsthand insight into the challenges of housing instability and fueled my passion for making a difference in our community. One of the pivotal moments in my life was losing my own home to a short sale during the real estate crash of 2008. This personal experience gave me a profound understanding of the vulnerability that many individuals and families face when they are housing unstable. It ignited a passion in me to help others navigate similar struggles, and to advocate for solutions that ensure everyone in our community has access to safe, affordable housing options. In addition to my professional work, I am an active volunteer at my children's school, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, and on their sports teams, including serving as a former board member of Merritt Island Little League. These experiences have further strengthened my connection to the local community. They have equipped me with both the empathy and the practical knowledge needed to contribute meaningfully to the Brevard County Affordable Housing Advisory Council. I am eager to apply my skills and experiences to help address the rising costs of housing in our area while ensuring that we maintain a safe and sustainable environment for future generations.

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting an accommodation, please indicate below.

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Upload a Resume

Agreement

Advisory committees are subject to the Florida open meetings (Sunshine) and public records laws; your response with a completed application with your contact information is a public record; if chosen as a member of the committee, any communications to you from the County or from you to the County in regard to the committee will be a public record.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I understand the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Brevard County board, council or committee.

☒ I Agree