



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.14

9/15/2020

Subject:

Brevard Family Partnership Board Appointment

Fiscal Impact:

FY 19-20: No impact to the General Fund.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners appoint Eric Austin to the Board of Directors for Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) was established in 2003 as a non-profit organization in response to a Legislative mandate to privatize foster care and related services (Section 409.1617, Florida Statutes). It was subsequently awarded the contract, through the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), to manage Brevard County's child welfare system. BFP and its community partners provide child abuse prevention, foster care and support, adoption, independent living and community outreach services to the children and families of Brevard County.

BFP was envisioned, designed, and implemented by stakeholders in Brevard County through a partnership between Brevard County government, Devereux, and Children's Home Society. Initially, all three founding agencies provided appointments to the BFP Board of Directors. The Florida Department of Children and Families, several years into the contract, made a statewide determination that provider agencies, such as Devereux and Children's Home Society, should no longer have representation on these Boards. Of the founding agencies, only Brevard County remains and continues to provide appointments.

According to their Bylaws, the County appoints three (3) Directors to their Board. There is currently one vacancy among the Commission appointments. BFP and their Board of Directors respectfully requests that Eric Austin be appointed by the County to serve on the BFP board for a three year term (see attached email).

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



September 16, 2020

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

RE: Item F.14. Brevard Family Partnership Appointment

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 15, 2020, appointed Eric Austin to the Board of Directors for Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc. d/b/a Brevard Family Partnership.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Kimberly Powell
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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From: [Laurie-Anna DeGennaro](#)
To: [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Cc: [Philip Scarpelli](#); [James Carlson](#); [Golden, Ian J](#); [Laurie-Anna DeGennaro](#)
Subject: Eric Austin be appointed by the County: Agenda Report for Appointment
Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:22:34 PM
Attachments: [Appt BFP.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Hi Sally,

I hope you are doing well!

Question: I noticed that Eric's appointment is for three years; does there have to be a limit on the appointment? The other appointees do not have a time limit.

Mr. Eric Austin originally served on BFP's subsidiary Brevard C.A.R.E.S. board of directors as a community member. He requested to serve on the BFP Governance board of directors. Mr. Dan Rodgers, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Board Chair presented Mr. Austin to the BFP Governance Board and was unanimously approved May 22, 2019 to serve as a community member filling the Faith Based demographic need.

On February 27, 2020 Mr. Austin was then presented and unanimously approved to serve as Treasurer of the BFP Board of Directors for his vast experience in board governance; serving on other boards as an officer, along with his personal experience in Law Enforcement, and currently he is the Executive Pastor and CFO for Discover Life church, in Melbourne.

I tried to add it into the attached document; but the spacing is off.

Thank you so much and stay safe

Laurie-Anna DeGennaro
Board and Community Liaison
Brevard Family Partnrship

From: Lewis, Sally A <Sally.Lewis@brevardfl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Laurie-Anna DeGennaro <Laurie-Anna.DeGennaro@brevardfp.org>
Subject: Agenda Report for Appointment

Laurie-Anna,

Please see highlighted area on agenda report that Frank would like added. If you just give me the verbiage I can add it on the existing agenda. The deadline is Sept. 8th
Thank you,

Sally

Sally Lewis
County Manager's Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

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If you have any other questions please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Thank you

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**Brevard Family
Partnership**





From: Golden, Ian J <Ian.Golden@brevardfl.gov>
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To: James Carlson <James.Carlson@brevardfp.org>
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Jim,

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Thanks,
Ian

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Top Skills

Criminal Investigations
Public Speaking
Interrogation

Certifications

Crime Prevention Practitioner
Crime Prevention Through
Environmental Design Practitioner
(CPTED)
Instructor
Firearms Instructor
Vehicle Operations Instructor

Honors-Awards

Honors in the Major

Publications

Effects of Partisanship on the
Municipal Budgeting Process

Eric Austin

Executive Pastor & CFO | Former Police Major - Deputy Director
Melbourne, Florida

Summary

Executive Pastor & CFO at Discover Life Church and Superintendent
at Parkhurst Academy

Experience

Discover Life Church
Executive Pastor & CFO
October 2007 - Present
Melbourne, Florida Area

Operations, Personnel Management, Planning, Human Resources, IT Projects,
Project Management, Finance, and Budgeting.

Positions include trustee, treasurer, and administrator. Responsible for all
financial operations including statements, cash flow projections, budgeting,
payroll, reconciliations, enterprise credit card platform, capital campaign
management, fundraising, and tax reporting. Other duties include human
resources, health insurance, liability insurance, risk management, hiring
practices, information technology oversight, strategic planning, and general
administrative duties.

Parkhurst Academy
President & Superintendent
July 2017 - Present
Melbourne, Florida Area

Oversee the school's principals, administrative staff, budget, finance, business
operations, planning, growth plan, and overall vision of the school.

City of Cocoa
Former Police Major - Deputy Director | Active Reserve Police Officer
February 2001 - Present
Cocoa

Current: Reserve Police Officer

Previous Roles:

Support Services Commander (Major)/Deputy Director: Criminal Investigations Division, Communications Center, Code Enforcement Division, Records Section, Property & Evidence Section, Training Section, Accreditation Manager, Budget, Finance, Accounting, Payroll, Inventory, Grant Management, Project Management, IT Projects, Radio Maintenance, Facilities, Quartermaster, Field Training & Evaluation Program Commander, Policy Development, Recruiting, Hiring, Armory, and Range Master.

Lieutenanat - Professional Compliance Commander, Internal Affairs, Field Training Lieutenant, Public Information Officer, Community Resource Unit Sergeant, Field Training Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Detective, Field Training Officer, Community Policing, School Resource Officer, Recruiter, Patrol Officer, Instructor, High Liability Instructor, Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner, and Florida Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Practitioner.

Brevard Community College

Adjunct Instructor

January 2005 - Present

Melbourne, FL

Advanced Law Enforcement Training and Police Academy. Topics include Middle Management, Line Supervision, Instructor Techniques, Detective Academy, Search & Arrest Warrants, Child Abuse, Fraud & Forgery, Death & Injury, Legal, Firearms, and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

Daytona State College

Adjunct Instructor

August 2013 - Present

Advanced Law Enforcement Training. Topics include Middle Management, Line Supervision, Detective Academy, Death & Injury Investigations, Interviews and Interrogations, and Instructor Techniques.

AMIkids

Board of Trustees

October 2013 - Present

Melbourne, Florida Area

AMIkids Space Coast (Melbourne Center for Personal Growth).

AMKids is a nationally-recognized non-profit organization providing our communities' kids an opportunity to transform into responsible young adults. AMKids offers a promising future to more than 7,000 kids each year through positive and motivating programs that inspire learning, leadership, and personal growth.

The Melbourne Center for Personal Growth (MCPG) is a program for males, ages 13 to 18, who are in need of Substance Abuse Treatment Services. It is operated by AMKids, Inc. The program provides a structured residential environment for committed youth offering opportunities for personal growth, social development, and vocational training. Academics include English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and one elective course.

Responsibilities include governance, educating policymakers, community development, and resource development.

Previous Positions

Chairman (2015-2017)

President (2014-2015)

Cocoa Police Pension Plan

Trustee, Vice-Chairman

October 2008 - July 2017 (8 years 10 months)

Cocoa, FL

Fiduciary for the Police Officers' Pension Plan. Responsible for the investment activities and administration of the fund. Certified Pension Plan Trustee through the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees: determine eligibility and membership; determine and certify the amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits; establish uniform rules and procedures to be followed for administrative purposes, benefit applications, and all matters required to administer the system; distribute information to the members concerning the system; receive and process all applications for benefits; authorize all payments from the fund; have actuarial studies and valuations performed, and make recommendations regarding changes in the provisions of the system; and perform other duties to prudently administer the system.

Dictaphone

Network Intern

1998 - 1999 (2 years)

Melbourne, FL

Computer networking and maintenance.

Education

University of Central Florida

Bachelor's, Political Science · (2007 - 2010)

Webster University

Master of Business Administration (MBA) · (2014 - 2019)

Eastern Florida State College

General AA · (2004 - 2007)

Eastern Florida State College

Law Enforcement Certificate · (2000 - 2000)

Melbourne Senior High

High School Diploma · (1997 - 2000)



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Board Member Application

Date 10 / 10 / 2018

Name Eric Austin

Phone 321-693-5229

Address PO Box 121356, W. Melbourne, FL 32912

Length of Time as a Brevard Resident 37 years

Specific skills, knowledge and abilities you would bring to the Agency: Through my time as a law enforcement officer, I have been a detective and finished as a major. I conducted child abuse investigations and oversaw the criminal investigations division. I have numerous contacts in the child advocacy area. I serve as the executive pastor of Discover Life Church and president of Parkhurst Academy, a K4-12 private school. I am very familiar with non-profit operations.

Why are you interested in serving on the Community Based Care of Brevard Board of Directors?

I have a desire to help vulnerable and at-risk children. From being in law enforcement, a detective school resource officer, pastor, and president of a school, I have worked over the past 18 years to help children. I have been involved with numerous organizations focused on helping children as well.


Area(s) of contribution you feel you can make (financial, fundraising, prior involvement as a foster or adoptive parent, public speaking, legislative, etc.): Financial, public speaking, non-profit management, business

connections, and law enforcement contacts.

Other volunteer commitments/Board seats: AMikids Space Coast (prior chair), Parkhurst Academy,
a small non-profit supporting police programs in Cocoa, and a few academic/church organizations.

Please submit completed application, letter of interest and current resume or biographical information to:

Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
4085 S US Highway 1
Rockledge, FL 32955



Signature

10/10/2018
Date

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