

Application Form

Disclaimer

Under Florida law, all information, including e-mail, written letters, documents and phone messages, sent to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners are subject to Public Records law. This includes the sender's e-mail address, home address or phone number if shown in the message, the content of the message and any associated attachments to the mail. If you are exempt from aspects of the public records law pursuant to F.S. 119.071, contact the advisory board coordinator at 352-264-6906 prior to submission of this form.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I have read the disclaimer above and understand my application is subject to Florida's Public Records Law.

☒ I Agree

Profile

Dr. Jacob

First Name

U

Middle Initial

Gordon

Last Name

11317 NW 8th Rd.

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Gainesville

City

FL

State

32606

Postal Code

jgordon07@gmail.com

Email Address

Mobile: (785) 249-8173

Primary Phone

Home: (352) 727-7510

Alternate Phone

Retired from University of
Kansas

Employer

Professor Emeritus

Occupation

Education:

B.A. (Honors, History) Bethune-Cookman University; M.A. (History) Howard University; Ph.D. (History) Michigan State University; LL.D (Honorary) Union Baptist Seminary.

Professional Organizations:

Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. (SCAASI); African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA) Founding Member; Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASAALH); African Studies Association (USA); American Evaluation Association (AEA); Oral History Association (OHA). Alachua County African American History Task Force; Alachua County African and African American Historical Society, Inc. Founding President; United Nations Association-Gainesville Chapter.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historical Commission: Submitted

What position(s) are you applying for?

Citizen At Large Member

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County advisory board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list board(s):

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment:

Founded the Alachua County African and African American Historical Society, Inc., as a 501c3 corporation in 2020 to bring together other organizations committed to preserving and disseminating Black History in Alachua County. As Chair of the Alachua County African American History Task Force, we worked with the Alachua County Public Schools to ensure that an African American History course is taught in each of the high schools, and promoted the Infusion Model to include this history and experience throughout the K-12 curriculum. As a result of the ACAAHTF work with ACPS, the school district achieved Exemplary Status by the Florida African American History Task Force. Received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019 for work as National Historian of the Bethune-Cookman National Alumni Association (now Mary McLeod Bethune National Alumni Association). President of the Gainesville Chapter of the United Nations Association of USA (UNA-USA), focusing on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations: Diversity, Equity Accessibility, Equity, and Inclusion; Climate Change. Chaired United Nations Day 2019, 2020, and 2021; and initiated UNA Essay Contest in 2020 to award cash prizes to middle school students who submitted essays on designated topics. Co-editor of the book, African American Studies: 50 Years at the University of Florida (2021). An active member of the UF African American Studies Program Advisory Committee to suggest policies, directions, and programs of research. Mentor in the UF Active Learning Program (ALP) a semester-long course that gives undergraduate students opportunities to conduct supervised research in the local community.

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?

As a professional historian, I would like to help enhance "Best Practices" in historiographical approaches to the work of the Historical Commission. I am encouraged by the mission and progress of the Commission and I want to contribute to continuing its presence and public outreach in our community.

[Gordon_Jacob_U.CV.Abridged.2022.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ African American

Gender

☒ Male

10/25/1939

Date of Birth

Are you over the age of 60? (Required for some boards)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Alachua County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you are an Alachua County resident, how long have you lived in the county?

16 years

Supplemental Questions

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees".

☒ I Agree

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct.

☒ I Agree