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Application For Appointment/Reappointment - Submission #24855

Date Submitted: 6/24/2026

Name of Board or Boards for which you are applying:*

Communitywide Advisory Committee

Name:*

CLIFTON VAUGHN

Home Address:*

4394 Gator Trace Lane

City:*

Fort Pierce

State:*

FL

Zip:*

34982

How long at this address?*

9.5 years

Telephone Number*

772-828-2728

If less than two years, provide prior address:

3209 Virginia Ave

Are you a citizen of the United States? *



Yes



No

Occupation: *

SBDC Business Consultant

Employer:*

Indian River State College

Do you own a business that operates within the City of Fort Pierce?*



Yes



No

If yes, list the address and nature of said business:

SBDC at IRSC

Do you now or in the future plan to do business with the City of Fort Pierce or the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority(FPUA)?*



Yes

Yes

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No

If yes, in which organization and in what capacity?

SBDC at IRSC

Are you employed by a business that is located within the City of Fort Pierce?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, state the business and location:

Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave, FL 34981

Do you have special training or knowledge in the area of:

Engineering:*

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Yes

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No

Architecture:*

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Yes

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No

Real Estate
Brokering:*

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Yes

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No

Finanace/Accounting:

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Yes

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No

NO

Contracting:*

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Yes

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No

Land
Development:*

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Yes

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No

Utilities:

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Yes

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No

Management:*

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Yes

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No

Describe your professional background and what expertise you will bring to this Board. (Attach your resume or other applicable information below if desired) *

I am a Florida licensed CPA with small business ownership and management.

Are you currently a member of a Commission-appointed board/committee?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, please specify:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, what was the nature of the crime(s) you were convicted of:

If appointed, are you willing to attend a training session which could last several hours?*

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Yes

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No

Referred by:*

Applicant Email Address:*

Date:*

Applicant's Signature:*

APPLICATIONS EXPIRE 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SUBMISSION. PLEASE REAPPLY AS OFTEN AS DESIRED.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 772.467.3065 or email lcov@cityoffortpierce.com.

Upload Resume (Optional)

CVAUGHN - RESUME 2024 - US.docx

Business Consultant, SBDC – Small Business Development Center

Dedicated CPA with more than twenty years of financial services experience developing and implementing financial systems, strategies, processes and controls that significantly improve P&L scenarios. Expert in establishing accounting functions, systems and best practices; cost-reduction, automation and tax strategies; and lasting business relationships to ensure goal-surpassing fiscal performance. Business Consultant/Advisor to small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. Providing wealth accumulation and retirement strategies to small business owners and entrepreneurs. Computer skills include proficiency in, Excel, QuickBooks, Xero and MS Office. Professional instructor at local So. Florida colleges and universities in business and accounting courses. Developed and presented courses in the Treasure Coast to local business owners, and community residents for their skill development. Taught entrepreneurship courses to inmates at the Okeechobee Correctional Institute prior to COVID19.

Education Degrees & Licenses

STATE OF FLORIDA ■ CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA), 1987

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL ■ MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING 1986

FLORIDA INT'L UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL ■ Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Accounting, 1981

MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE, MIAMI, FL ■ ASSOCIATES OF ARTS, 1972

Volunteerism: S.C.O.R.E, Business Consultant, / Miami Partnership for the Homeless, Board Member / Miami Dade Chamber of Commerce, Board Member / Dade County Jr. Achievement / Coconut Grove Future Business Leaders / Leadership Miami, member

Work Experience

Business Analyst/Consultant/Instructor

- Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Hosted at the Indian River State College (IRSC)
Provide face-to-face consultations with Treasure Coast businesses and not-for-profit organizations since Aug 2020. Conduct skill development classroom and one on one trainings on business related subjects. Organize and schedule live presentations at the Sunshine Kitchen with various business-related subject matter experts for St. Lucie County residents
- Contracted with the Corporate and Community Training Institute (CCTI) at Indian River State College (IRSC) Mar 2018.
Taught entrepreneurial and skill development courses to inmates at the Okeechobee Correctional Institute. The courses were designed to help inmates prepare for release upon completion of their sentences. The courses allowed the inmates to obtain nationally recognized certificate credentials upon successfully passing the exam at the course completion. We maintained a high passing rate throughout the program.

Financial Operations Consultant,

Wireless Telecommunications Provider. Reviewed existing accounting policies, procedures and accounts in place at the time of my employment and made corrections and updated the general ledger to reflect the true financial position of the company. Oversaw the accounting functions for this telecommunications company. Oversaw the upgrade the company's financial accounting system from QuickBooks to Sage's MAS90 system. Performed financial analysis for missing or incomplete transactions, internal operational audits, G/L, A/R, A/P, Payroll and fixed-asset accounting in accordance with GAAP standards. Developed and managed external financial relationships (e.g., banks, insurers, auditors) and constantly looked for ways to strengthen overall financial performance.

Key results:

Clifton Vaughn, CPA

Performed the complete function of the accounting department, fostered a collaborative environment that improved productivity, individual accountability and team morale.

Revamped G/L, financial systems, reports and schedules to improve forecast precision and standardize reporting procedures.

Negotiated significant insurance policy coverage for the company's operations and updated the company lease terms and payment flows which were out of date.

Established banking relationships with local banks for deposit and merchant accounts as well as online payment systems.

PRESIDENT & CEO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

- Owner and majority shareholder of Electric Power & Service, Inc from 1987 to 2006.
- Responsible for all activities of the business including sales, operations and customer service.
- Responsible for the company's finance and accounting team including direct management of employees and consultants for Electric Power & Service, Inc. (Miami, Florida)
- Maintained the company's system of accounts: G/L; A/P; payroll and revenue.
- Directed the annual budget process and recommended cost improvement goals for the company.
- Directed the monthly, quarterly, and annual closing of the financial records.
- Responsible for the banking relationships, accounts, and investments for the company.
- Responsible for the annual external audit and liaised with the external auditors.
- Maintained computer systems to ensure proper processing of the accounting records of the company.
- Managed company activities, sought and acquired new projects. Negotiated contracts. Interacted with governmental agencies and departments and other regulatory bodies. Achieved 20 percent revenue growth.

ASST. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

- City of Miami Dept of Off-Street Parking. The department operates city parking garages, on-street parking spaces and a community performing arts center. Managed the organization's personnel, accounting and cash management functions.
- Responsible for monthly and annual closing process, journal entries, account reconciliations, revenue recognition and other reports.
- Responsible for the monthly financial package for the members of the board of directors including budget vs. actual reports, P&L analysis, and Balance Sheet information.
- Responsible for the accounts and records of the organization including A/P; A/R; payroll, insurance, and banking.
- Worked directly with the Executive Director on financial projections.
- Responsible for the selection of new enterprise computer equipment and software and oversaw the installation of the new equipment and data migration.

MANAGER OF INTERNAL AUDIT

- Eastern Airlines, Inc., Miami, Florida
- Assisted senior company management in the identification and evaluation of risks at both the corporate and field operational locations.
- Assisted the Director of Internal Audit with the day to day operational affairs of the internal audit department.
- Performed auditing of key management, financial, and operational processes and controls throughout the organization with a focus on financial/operational audits.
- Recommended changes to improve internal controls, processes and procedures to ensure the highest level of data integrity and improve operational efficiency.
- Led audit reviews throughout the airlines route system in North and South America and the Caribbean.
- Recovered overbillings vendor schemes that resulted in the prosecuted of dishonest employees in the U.S. and internationally.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

- ST. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida, - 2015-2017; 1988 – 1990, Taught several graduate and undergraduate accounting, computer, and US Tax courses.
 - Johnson & Wales University, North Miami, Florida, 1999 – Taught several undergraduate accounting and computer courses
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UNITED STATES ARMY

- Served in the US Army from 1965 to 1968.
 - Successfully completed the Finance course of study at the US Army Ft Benjamin Harris Finance School.
 - Served in the US Army's Finance Corps and received an Honorable Discharge at the end of my tour of duty in 1968.
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VOLUNTEER BUSINESS COUNSELOR

- Served as a SCORE business counselor for small business owners and entrepreneurs in the south Broward and north Miami-Dade counties from October 2010 through April 2014.
 - Conducted monthly seminars for small businesses in the local community
 - Developed relationships with the local banks and the district SBA office
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