

Representative Chuck Clemons opens application process for GRU Authority Board

On June 30th, 2023, Representative Chuck Clemons announced the application process for for appointment to the new GRU Authority board. We want to ensure a diverse pool of applicants are considered.

We ask that you apply to this Board that will replace the Gainesville City Commission in governing our publicly-owned utility department.

Applicants must meet these qualifications per HB1645 to serve on the Authority board:

7.04 Authority members. —

*(1) There shall be **five members** of the Authority appointed by the Governor. Each member shall be a person of recognized ability and good business judgment as identified by the Governor who is expected to perform his or her official duties in the best interests of GRU and its customers. Appointments shall be made as follows:*

*(a) One member shall be a **residential customer** with substantial knowledge of GRU, its operations, and its history.*

*(b) One member shall be a private, **nongovernment customer** consuming at least 10,000 kilowatt hours per month of electric usage during each of the previous 12 months. This member may be the owner or representative of the customer.*

*(c) **Three members shall be competent and knowledgeable in one or more specific fields** substantially related to the duties and functions of the Authority, including, but not limited to, law, economics, accounting, engineering, finance, or energy.*

(2) All members of the Authority shall:

(a) Maintain primary residence within the electric service territory of GRU's electric utility system.

(b) Receive GRU electric utility system service at all times during the term of appointment.

(c) Not have been convicted of a felony as defined by general law.

(d) Be a qualified elector of the City, except that a minimum of one member must be a resident of the unincorporated area of the county or a municipality in the county other than the City of Gainesville.

The application process will be open for 30 days: **deadline for submissions is July 29th.**

The Alachua County Legislative Delegation will review these applications and will forward their recommendations to Governor DeSantis for his appointment to the Board.

Thank you for your time and support of our efforts to protect the representative process that has governed Gainesville Regional Utilities for more than one hundred years.