

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES
ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM

*Please return the **signed and completed application form and a recent resume*** to: City of Pembroke Pines, City Clerk's Office, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025.*

***NOTE: YOUR RESUME MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.**

Please type or use dark ink to complete this form.

Applicant Name William "Shorty" Bryson

Race* White National Origin* Irish

Occupation Retired Firefighter

Street Address [REDACTED] PP 33029

Subdivision Keystone Lake

Home Telephone [REDACTED] Business Telephone same

E-mail Address [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Pembroke Pines (if applicable) 20 Years Months

Length of Time as Business Person in Pembroke Pines (if applicable) Years Months

Are you a registered voter? yes Commission District No. 3 Precinct No. X028

Do you have a criminal record? No If yes, please explain.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No If yes, please explain.

Do you have any criminal charges pending? No If yes, please explain.

Do you have any relatives employed by the City? No If yes, please state name(s):

Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest that may arise from your serving on this/these board(s)? No If yes, please explain.

Does your business, or your employer have any contractual relationship with, or do any business with the City? No If yes, please explain.

Do you have monies owed to the City that are delinquent? NO If yes, please explain.

Do you have any pending code violations relating to property owned by you in the City? No
If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have any violations relating to other City codes? NO If yes, please list: _____

*The responses to these items is optional. The City is interested in providing for cultural diversity on its Advisory Boards and Committees, and seeks this information solely in order for the City to further its goal to provide for diversity on its Advisory Boards and Committees.

Which board or committees are of interest to you? Please indicate up to three preferences by ranking. Please denote your first choice with a "1," etc. Please place a number adjacent to any board or committee for which you wish to be considered. If you do not place a number next to a board or committee, the City Commission will not be able to consider you for that board or committee.

_____ Arts & Culture Advisory Board

_____ Affordable Housing¹

_____ Board of Adjustment

_____ Charter High School Advisory Board²

_____ Economic Development Board

_____ Education Advisory Board

_____ Environmental Advisory Board

_____ Citizens Committee/Hurricane Prep
(Ad Hoc)

_____ Planning & Zoning Board

X _____ Police and Fire Pension Fund Board

_____ Diversity and Heritage Advisory Board

_____ Social Media Committee (Ad Hoc)

_____ Charter Review Board

_____ **Public Art Committee (PAC) New**

_____ **Budget Committee (A. Castillo)**

_____ Charter Review Board³

_____ Citizen's Budget Advisory Board

¹You must complete the "Supplement to Application for Affordable Housing Committee."

²Representative of Educational or Business sector of the Community

³This Board is convened once every five years.

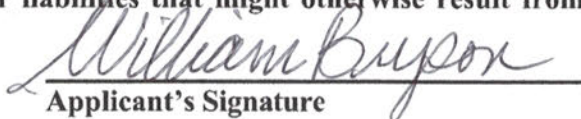
Please provide a brief statement outlining why you wish to serve on the board(s) you have indicated above.

I served on the City of Miami Fire and Police Pension Fund
for 12 years, 3 years as Chair, and the City of Miami Firefighters Relief Fund
for 9 years. During that time, I attended multiple conferences
and learned the proper way to manage such plans.

I feel that I could contribute to ensure we have a correctly
funded and managed fund.

Please see my resume for more information.

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. Permission is granted to the City of Pembroke Pines to investigate and verify criminal and credit history and any information provided on this and successive documents completed for purposes of my appointment to the City Board or Committee. In return for consideration of my application, I release any person who provides information pertaining to me from all claims or liabilities that might otherwise result from such information or opinions.


Applicant's Signature

9/8/2025
Date

Applications for board and committee vacancies are accepted throughout the year. For additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 450-1050.

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William “Shorty” Bryson



Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Executive Profile

Accomplished Fire Chief and board leader with decades of public safety, organizational leadership, and governance experience. Proven record of leading two of the nation’s largest metropolitan fire-rescue departments and driving policy, risk management, and operational excellence. Deep expertise in pension administration, defined benefit and contribution plans, and fiduciary oversight. Recognized for building consensus, driving strategic initiatives, and ensuring organizational accountability.

Professional Experience

City of Miami Fire-Rescue, Miami, FL

Fire Chief for 9 years (34 years of service)

- Directed all operations of a major metropolitan fire-rescue agency, overseeing emergency response, training, budget administration, and strategic planning.
- Managed 700 personnel and a budget of [\$120 M], ensuring compliance with safety, labor, and municipal standards.
- Implemented modernized emergency response systems and inter-agency coordination strategies to improve public safety outcomes.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Miami-Dade County, FL

Fire Chief for 2 years

- Led one of the largest fire-rescue departments in the U.S., responsible for county-wide fire suppression, emergency medical services, and disaster response.
- Oversaw daily operations, long-term strategic planning, labor negotiations, and intergovernmental collaboration.
- Enhanced department capabilities in disaster preparedness, community outreach, and operational efficiency.

Board Member of IAFF Local 587 for 15 years, 6 years as President.

Board & Governance Experience

City of Miami Fire and Police Pension Board

Board Member (12 Years) | Chair (3 Years)

- Provided fiduciary oversight of pension assets for fire and police employees.
 - Served as Chair, leading policy development, investment strategies, and governance initiatives.
 - Extensive knowledge of defined benefit and defined contribution plans, compliance standards, and long-term fund sustainability.
 - Collaborated with financial advisors, actuaries, and legal counsel to ensure prudent investment and funding decisions.
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Key Areas of Expertise

- Executive Leadership & Crisis Management
 - Municipal & County Government Operations
 - Pension Governance & Fiduciary Oversight
 - Defined Benefit & Contribution Plan Expertise
 - Budgeting & Financial Stewardship
 - Labor Relations & Negotiations
 - Public Safety & Emergency Management
 - Developed and sat on the COLA committee of the Fire & Police pension plan
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Education

I graduated from the University of Florida in 1974.

Contact information:

Email:



Telephone:

