



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)1

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

Date: December 16, 2014

From: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

Subject: Reappointment of Dr. Steven Ritter
to the Environmental Quality Control
Board (EQCB)

Christopher Agrippa, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider the reappointment of Dr. Steven Ritter to the Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB). His term expires on February 21, 2015.

Chapter 24-7 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides that members of the EQCB be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources has recommended the reappointment of Dr. Steven Ritter to serve an additional three year term on the EQCB.

Attached for your review and information is a copy of Mayor Carlos Gimenez's memorandum and the curriculum vitae of Dr. Ritter.

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Attachments

Memorandum



Date: November 19, 2014

To: Honorable Harvey Ruvin
Clerk, Circuit and County Courts

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over the name in the "From:" field.

Subject: Environmental Quality Control Board Reappointment of Dr. Steven Ritter

As an active member of the Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB) in good standing, Dr. Ritter has requested to be reappointed to the EQCB by the Board of County Commissioners (Board). Dr. Ritter's current EQCB term expires February 21, 2015 and his resume is attached.

The EQCB is a quasi-judicial County board that rules on variance requests for highly scientific and technical matters under the Environmental Protection Ordinance, Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The composition and membership of the EQCB requires advanced degrees and qualifications unique to environmental disciplines.

Dr. Ritter is well qualified to continue serving and has served with distinction since 2012. His service is greatly appreciated.

Based upon the above, please schedule this reappointment before the Board as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments

CURRICULUM VITA

Steven Ritter
29NW 105 Street
Miami Shores, FL 33150
305-757-3404

Education

- A.S. Biology, Mercer County Community College, 1977
B.S. Animal Science, Rutgers University, 1980
M.S. Agriculture, Northwest Missouri State University, 1981
M.S. Horticulture, Rutgers University, 1988
Ph.D. Biology, Florida International University, 1997

Work Experience

- 1997-present Instructor, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Florida. Design and teach classes in Biology, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Environmental Science lecture and laboratory classes.
- 2002-2003 Hillel Community Day School, North Miami Beach, Florida. Teach high school courses with laboratories in biology, AP Environmental Science, Marine Biology, and Honors Anatomy and Physiology. Laboratory coordinator.
- 1998-2000 Instructor, Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, Missouri. Design and teach life science, environmental science, and biology lecture and laboratory classes for majors and non-majors. Coordinated 9 adjunct faculty members.
- 1994-1998 Horticultural Consultant, South Florida. Residential and commercial horticultural consulting including pest and plant identification, plant pathology, proper cultural practices and integrated pest management.
- 1993-1997 Teaching Assistant, Florida International University, Miami, Florida. Set-up, teaching, and grading of laboratory classes in Biology, Botany, Human Biology, and Microbiology.
- 1987-1994 Extension Agent, Dade-IFAS Cooperative Extension Service, Homestead, Florida. Urban Horticulture/Commercial Turf. Develop and implement educational programs that are based upon the needs of the community. Prepared and taught classes on subtropical and tropical botany. Coordinated over 50 volunteers and their 1000's of volunteer hours.
- 1986-1987 Quality Control Specialist, Newark, Delaware. United States Department of Agriculture, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Training personnel, insurance adjustment spot checks, and public relations.
- 1985-1986 Research Assistant, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Department of Horticulture. Field and laboratory work in rootstock evaluation, inking in peaches, pathogen culture and foliar nutrition of fruit trees.
- 1983-1984 Laboratory Technician, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Department of Plant Pathology. Controlled atmosphere usage to inhibit the growth of latent and incipient infections in many fruit and vegetable crops. Pathogen isolation and identification performed.
- 1981-1983 Greenhouse Manager, Country Florist and Greenhouse, Inc. Hightstown, N.J. Managing and maintaining a greenhouse operation, advising customers, and maintaining landscape and interior plants at large business establishments.

Awards

1. Graduate assistantships at Florida International University, Northwest Missouri State University and Rutgers University in teaching and research.
2. A scholarship to attend the University of Florida International Programs Spanish Institute. A 1-month intensive Spanish course designed to familiarize the student with Spanish language and customs.
3. A \$4,000 grant from the South Florida Water Management District to aid in the establishment of a learning center in Dade County Florida.
4. A yearly \$500 grant from the Horticulture Study Society toward graduate education.
5. A \$14,000 grant from the U.S. Forestry Department to be used to purchase CD ROM computers for use by the Dade County Florida Master Gardener program.
6. A \$49,760 award from F.F.M.A. to reestablish the landscape learning center at the Dade IFAS Cooperative Extension Service.
7. Miami-Dade County distinguished service award for exemplary service in the months following Hurricane Andrew.

Professional Publications

1. Dooryard Carambola Survey
Proc. Interim. Soc. Trop. Hort. 33:100-107.
2. Salinity and Seedling Emergence of Carambola, Key Lime, Papaya, and Passionfruit
Proc. Interim. Soc. Trop. Hort. 34:153-158
3. Dooryard Fruit Crop Survey
Proc. Interim. Soc. Trop. Hort. 35: 98-102
4. Seasonal Variation in the Successful Propagation of *Spondias purpurea* Hardwood Cuttings
Proc. Interim. Soc. Trop. Hort. 37:136-137
5. Life Sciences Laboratory Manual.
McGraw Hill Publishing Company. August 1999.

University of Florida Publications

1. Flowering Ornamentals of South Florida, 1988
2. Fruiting and Flowering Dates of Tropical Fruits, 1988
3. Timely Garden Tips: Turf and Ornamentals, 1989
4. Timely Garden Tips: Fruit and Vegetables, 1989
5. Timely Garden Tips: Houseplants, 1989

References

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