

**CITY OF SANIBEL**

**RESOLUTION 11-100**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 04-013, Section 8.02, places general administration and responsibility for the proper administration of the General Employees' Retirement Plan with the nine members of the Board of Trustees and outlines the method of appointment and term of office of the Board of Trustees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

**SECTION 1.** This Council hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to the General Employees' Retirement Plan Board of Trustees for the term of office commencing November 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2013.

**SECTION 2.** Effective date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**DULY PASSED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 1st day of November, 2011.

**AUTHENTICATION:**

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Kevin Ruane, Mayor

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Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney

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Date

Vote of Council members:

Ruane            \_\_\_\_\_  
Denham        \_\_\_\_\_  
Congress      \_\_\_\_\_  
Harrity        \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennings      \_\_\_\_\_

Date filed with City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

**Richard McDonnell**

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October 11, 2011

City Manager's Office  
City of Sanibel  
Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter and accompanying application is submitted for the position of Volunteer to the General Employee Pension Board of Trustees. The following is keyed to the questions on the application form:

**Background (Education & Experience):** Please see my bio enclosed with this letter.

**Community Involvement:** My community involvement, since moving to Sanibel approximately 3 years ago, has been limited to my membership in the Kiwanis Club. A major reason for my applying for this position (more on this below) is to increase my involvement in the Sanibel community. I moved to Sanibel from the Washington, DC area where I had considerable community involvement, particularly in the nonprofit space.

While living and working in the DC area, I was a director of the Morino Institute (<http://www.morino.org/>), a private foundation which launched a number of nonprofit initiatives, including two with which I was intimately involved: the Youth Development Collaborative (YDC) Pilot project and Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP). The goal of the YDC Pilot (now Youthlearn) was to assist four DC-area community based organizations enhance their youth development and after school programs by helping them build the capacity to integrate technology into their programs. A brief history of the YDC Pilot, including my involvement in the initiative, may be found at: <http://www.youthlearn.org/about-us/history/history-youthlearn>.

Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP) (<http://www.vpppartners.org/>) is an innovative nonprofit initiative which aims to help local (DC) leaders build strong, high-performing organizations. From its formation in

2000 through June 2009, I served as VPP's Investment Director, overseeing its \$30 million plus portfolio. I also served as a member of the Audit Committee and was advisor to the VPP Board of Directors. I served temporarily as a VPP team member and oversaw VPP's \$2.2 million (philanthropic) investment in the Calvary Bilingual Multicultural Learning Center (now Centronia). See details at: <http://www.vpppartners.org/news/announcements/announcing-calvary-partnership>.

**Why Interested in the Appointment:** As mentioned above, my involvement in the Sanibel community has thus far been limited. I view this position as a means of making a contribution to the Sanibel community in an area where I feel I can add considerable value. I have 10 plus years of managing the investments of a high net worth family and the nonprofit organizations with which the family has been involved. I am very familiar with nonprofit organizations, both as a board director/advisor and as supplemented by considerable on-the-ground experience. I am also a pensioner – a retired Foreign Service Officer – and, as such, can bring that perspective to the table.

I would be happy to discuss any aspect of the above by phone or in person. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'RA' followed by a stylized flourish.

Rich McDonnell is President and Founder of Ballinrush LLC, a wealth management company formed in January 2010.

From 1998-2009, Rich worked for a high net worth family now based in Cleveland, Ohio. For most of this period, as Managing Director and then President of Morino Ventures LLC (a family office), he directed the family's financial/investment strategy; served as liaison with the family's tax, legal and risk management advisors; and assisted in the family's periodic review and update of their estate plans. He was also responsible for overseeing the finances of other entities owned by the family, including real estate management partnerships (commercial and residential), a corporation that owns a fractional aircraft interest, and the family's private foundation and donor-advised funds. He continues to serve as a trusted advisor and overall counsel to the family.

An active supporter of the family's nonprofit initiatives and activities, Rich remains a director of the family's private foundation. Until 2009, he oversaw the financial investment strategy of Venture Philanthropy Partners (<http://www.vppartners.org>), a DC-area philanthropic investment organization that helps organizations increase their impact on the lives of the children they serve.

Prior to joining Morino Ventures, Rich was a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). He spent approximately half of his Foreign Service career abroad, including postings to Holland, Portugal, Spain, Canada and Russia. During his diplomatic career, he negotiated with foreign governments to gain improved access for American products and helped U.S. businessmen penetrate overseas markets. He speaks Spanish.

A native of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Rich received a BA in Economics from the University of Massachusetts and an MA in International Relations (Russian Studies) from Georgetown University. After completing his undergraduate degree, he served four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Rich lives with his wife, Mary Eileen, in Sanibel, Florida. He has three sons who live in Florida, Canada and Maryland.

**APPLICATION TO SERVE**  
**SANIBEL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES**



Check the Committee(s) for which you are applying: (may attach letter & résumé)

- Contractor Licensing Board (Monthly meetings; 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 4:00 p.m.)
- Historical Preservation Committee (Monthly meetings; 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. 9:00 a.m. and Museum duties required) (NOTE: Must have "special knowledge, skills or interest in historic preservation.")
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (Monthly meetings; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:00 a.m.)
- Vegetation Committee (Monthly meetings; 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and inspection duties required) (NOTE: Must have passed the Sanibel Vegetation Exam prior to appointment.)
- General Employee Pension Board of Trustees (Meets quarterly)
- Planning Commission (Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m.)
- Sanibel Police Pension Board of Trustees (Meets quarterly)
- Recreation Financial Assistance Committee (Meets monthly as necessary)
- Other (Lee Co Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC); Lee Co Human Services Council)

Of Committees Marked How Many Meetings Have You Attended? 1

New Member  Returning Member

NAME: Richard McDonnell PHONE: Home: 395-3295 Cell: 202-438-1360

ADDRESS: 1333 Tahiti Dr., Sanibel, FL 33957

E-MAIL: rick@ballinrush.com

YEAR ROUND SANIBEL RESIDENT:  YES  NO

NUMBER OF MONTHS RESIDING ON SANIBEL ANNUALLY: 12

OCCUPATION/ EMPLOYER: Managing Member, Ballinrush LLC

BACKGROUND: (EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE)

Please see attached

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

*Please see attached.*

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT?**

*Please see attached*



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Signature of Applicant

**As a Florida governmental entity, all information including your address, phone number and e-mail address are subject to public records requests.**

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Of Committees Marked How Many Meetings Have You Attended? NONE

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: FRANK D. TAYLOR PHONE: Home: 395-2025 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 411 LAKE MOREN BLVD.

E-MAIL: Fwtaylor77@embassy mail.com

YEAR ROUND SANIBEL RESIDENT: YES NO

NUMBER OF MONTHS RESIDING ON SANIBEL ANNUALLY: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION/ EMPLOYER: DYART, TAYLOR, POTTER, MEMORIAL

BACKGROUND: (EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE)

Have a law degree  
Have practiced with my firm in  
Kansas City for 53 years

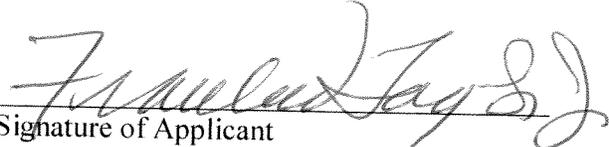
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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

FISH  
Savior's Community Church  
Neighborhood Board of Directors

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT?**

Feel I can help by applying my  
experience in negotiating labor contracts  
for my years and dealing with  
pension and retirement matters -

  
Signature of Applicant

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