



**TOWN OF PALM BEACH**  
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON  
**SHORE PROTECTION BOARD**

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Please complete the application by typing or printing legibly in ink. Applications should be submitted to the Town Clerk (360 South County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480, via facsimile 561-838-5417, or via e-mail to townclerk@townofpalmbeach.com) no later than 5 p.m., 11 calendar days prior to the Town Council meeting in which the appointment will be considered. Completion of this application requires that applicant has reviewed certain Town documents as noted in this application. To review or obtain a copy of the documents please contact the Town Clerk's Office (561-838-5418). Please feel free to attach any additional background information to this application form.

Name: Ronald Metzner E-mail Address: rfmetzner@gmail.com

Residence Address: 3120 S Ocean Blvd 2-102, Palm Beach, FL 33480

Mailing Address: SAME

Home Telephone: 202-352-1667

Work Telephone: —

I am a resident of the Town of Palm Beach RM (please initial)

Please attach proof of Town of Palm Beach residency. Failure to attach proof of residency shall be grounds to reject your application. Proof of residency shall be either a copy of your Florida Driver's License matching the address of your residence as shown on this application, a copy of a utility bill in your name at the residence address shown on this application, or by providing an original, fully executed and notarized Declaration of Domicile with this application.

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Shore Protection Board?

Climate change, sea level rise and coastal resiliency will be the defining civic issues of the next decade. As an island community, our property values and quality of life will be determined by our ability to work together to implement sustainable, affordable responses on both the lake and ocean shores.

2. How many meetings of the Shore Protection Board have you attended in the last year? All

3. If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance records, etc.

None

4. Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.

None

5. Please list your qualifications specifically relevant to shore protection, including any degrees or certifications you may possess.

A lifetime of experience in government, law, mediation, politics, advocacy, consulting, media and business has advanced the qualities of consideration, communication, compromise, cooperation, conflict resolution and

6. Please describe your experience with the design and/or construction of coastal protection projects.

Consensus building required for the debate, deliberation and evaluation necessary to the process of good government on an advisory board and in local government generally.

7. Please describe any particular knowledge or experience you may have regarding alternative or emerging shore protection technology or coastal management processes.

None. See answer to 5+6 and attached personal background.

8. Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)

☐ Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce

☐ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

☐ Palm Beach Civic Association

☐ North End Property Owners Association

☒ Citizens' Association of Palm Beach

☐ Neighborhood Alliance of Palm Beach

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

9. Present occupation: Owner + CEO Number of years 17

Employer: TIE Holdings LLC

10. Past occupation(s): See attached Personal Background Number of years \_\_\_\_\_

Employer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Please provide details regarding your educational background.

BS Economics, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

JD Yale Law School

12. To enable the Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please provide the following information regarding family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach including your spouse, parents, siblings, or children, as applicable.

Family Member Name	Relationship	Address	Occupation	Employer
Barbara Matzner	Spouse	Same	Owner	TIE Holdings LLC

13. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations. No

14. If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify it in the space below and check the box that indicates you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.

☐ I will resign from the N/A if I am appointed to the position I am  
(board/commission/committee)  
seeking in this application.

The following information is needed to facilitate Town reporting requirements in Florida Statute 760.80. Please check one in each category.

**RACE**

- ☐ African American  
☐ Asian American  
☐ Hispanic American

- ☐ Native American  
☒ Caucasian  
☐ Not known

**GENDER**

- ☒ Male ☐ Female

**PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application or dismissal after appointment.

Signature: Ronald Matzen Date: Nov. 5, 2021

*Please attach proof of Town of Palm Beach residency (as listed on page 1) with this application.*

**Please note that Board/Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.**

### **SHORE PROTECTION BOARD**

The Shore Protection Board acts in an advisory capacity and makes recommendations to the Town Council in matters relating to shore protection, coastal management, beach nourishment, coastal armoring, the sand transfer plant, and matters relating to the Town's Lake Worth lagoon shoreline. The scope of the Board shall include long term planning, budgeting, lobbying, public education, and intergovernmental coordination.

Members of the Board shall possess knowledge of or interest in shore protection, coastal management, and/or beach nourishment. The Board shall be composed of seven members to be appointed by the Town Council. Members of the Board shall serve for terms of three years. Each member of the Board is required to be a resident of the Town of Palm Beach, except that one member of the Board may be a non-Town resident who possesses specific knowledge or skills directly related to shore protection, coastal management, and beach nourishment. The Board shall hold at least four meetings per year and more if deemed necessary.

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## **Personal Background Addendum to Question 10**

**GOVERNMENT:** Ten years in Washington in the Clinton and Bush Administrations. President Clinton's point person for reducing regulations, in the first term as Associate General Counsel at the SBA and in the second term in the White House as Counselor to the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through which all executive branch regulations passed for approval. During President Bush's first term, helped coordinate interagency and intergovernmental response to disasters as a consultant working out of the Department of the Interior.

**LAW:** Twenty years general practice in New Jersey, including Municipal Prosecutor in 4 NJ Townships.

**MEDIATION:** Licensed mediator in Florida and New Jersey.

**INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING:** Representing small and medium sized American businesses in the former Soviet Union, and later in Russia and Central Asia.

**MEDIA:** Publisher of trade and community newspapers in New Jersey.

**BUSINESS:** Principal in Copa Judaica, House of Raasche and Legacy Judaica, the combination of which is the largest designer, manufacturer and distributor of Judaica, Jewish jewelry and Jewish ceremonial art in North America.