



Las Vegas-Clark County Library District **Board of Trustees Application**

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The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Library District) was formed in February 1985 to consolidate the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Library Districts. The purpose of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees (Board of Trustees) is to establish, supervise, and maintain a library system, including the annual preparation of the budget. The Board of Trustees appoints the Library's Executive Director and has the authority to make policies.

The Board of Trustees consists of ten (10) members, five (5) appointed by Clark County, and five (5) appointed by the City of Las Vegas. The Board of Trustees is an independent authority and does not report to the Clark County Board of County Commissioners nor to the Las Vegas City Council.

Members serve four-year (4-year) terms and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Application Overview:

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Board of Trustees, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Board of Trustees or the application process, please email AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Full Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): Karin D. Tidgewell

Home Street Address: 345 Rezzo Street

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, NV 89138

Mailing Address: 345 Rezzo Street

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, NV 89138

Employer: Full-time student at UNLV Graduate College

Occupation: Education and Military Advocacy; currently a full-time student at UNLV

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Relevant Affiliations: Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

* Continuous Improvement Plan Committee, Staton Elementary School (Las Vegas, NV)
(appointed by principal)

* UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Fellowship Recipient, UNLV Graduate College
(appointed by fellowship selection committee)

(Please see attached information for previous appointments and responsibilities.)

Skills and Experience: Please provide a brief description of your qualifications; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Board of Trustees. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

My background and expertise are in strategic communication and advocacy, and I currently am a full-time student pursuing my doctorate in public policy from UNLV. I have served on numerous education planning and administrative committees in communities throughout the country as a military spouse. A long-time patron of public libraries, I view issues not only from the administrative and organizational levels, but also from the customer and user perspectives. Central to my work has been building relationships among diverse parties and structuring strategic plans for all parties to work towards central, unifying goals. Please see the attached supporting documents for specific information.

A resume or letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I certify that I am a resident of the consolidated Library District. I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.


Signature


Date

Your signed application must be received no later than 5:30 pm on August 10, 2023. Please allow appropriate time if mailing.

Hand Deliver Application to:

Clark County Department of
Administrative Services
6th Floor
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Mail Application to:

Department of Administrative Services-
6th Floor
Attn: Agenda Coordinator
P.O. Box 551712
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1712

Fax Application to:

(702) 455-3558

Email Scanned Copy to:

AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov

KARIN TIDGEWELL

August 8, 2023

RE: Letter of Interest for the Las Vegas-Clark County Board of Trustees Application for Karin Tidgewell

Thank you for considering my application to be a member of the Board of Trustees for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (LVCCLD). I am a military spouse whose family has decided to make Las Vegas our permanent home after living here for over eight years across several military assignments. I currently am pursuing my doctorate in public policy from the School of Public Policy and Leadership at UNLV with an anticipated graduation date of May 2024, and I have worked in advocacy and strategic communication for over two decades. I have specific interests in improving quality of life for military families and educational outcomes for highly mobile students such as the children of military members, agricultural workers, refugees, experiencing homelessness, and in foster care.

I grew up in a family who supported our local library, and throughout my life, I have been a dedicated library patron. Once married, my family has lived in communities around the world, and one of our first stops at a new location was always the local library, often relying on these pillars in our community not just for information and assistance but for very basic human connection. On many occasions, we met our first friends in a new community at the library.

A benefit of our 13 military moves has been the opportunity to observe how myriad communities address issues, meet needs, and solve problems through their local libraries. In addition to LVCCLD, we have been a part of large library organizations such as Fairfax County Public Library and the Department of Defense's MWR libraries, as well as smaller branches such as Alamogordo (New Mexico) and Wichita Falls (Texas) Public Libraries. We likewise have experienced many LVCCLD branches throughout our assignments in Las Vegas. During one assignment, our primary LVCCLD library branches were the Rainbow, Centennial Hills, Indian Springs, and Nellis AFB Libraries, while during another assignment, our primary branches were Sahara West and Summerlin Libraries. As a volunteer in my children's elementary schools around the country, I likewise saw the operations of, and conditions impacting, local school libraries in many states and how partnerships with local public libraries offered outstanding opportunities for students, families, and school staff alike.

In sum, I am applying to the Board of Trustees for LVCCLD because I believe in the power of the public library. They serve a vital role in all communities, but in a community such as the greater Las Vegas area, their importance cannot be overstated. Public libraries offer service and connection, opportunity and choice. Public libraries can be critical elements enabling growth and development, not just for individuals and families, but for entire neighborhoods and communities.

I would bring to the Board of Trustees a commitment to excellence for our citizens' engagement with our libraries, a passion to serve the citizens of Las Vegas and Clark County, and a wealth of knowledge about best practices at work in libraries throughout the country.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Karin Tidgewell



KARIN TIDGEWELL

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A long-time advocate for military families, I have worked in both paid and volunteer positions with military, national, state, and local officials addressing policy affecting military families for education, medical care, mental health, resiliency, housing, employment, and food insecurity. I am an award-winning writer with expertise in strategic communication and messaging, drawing on over 20 years of experience in all aspects of the writing process, including idea development, audience analysis, research, writing, and editing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

732d Operations Group, Creech Air Force Base, NV

- Senior Leadership Command Spouse (Aug 2021 – Jul 2023)
- Key Spouse Mentor (Aug 2021 – Jul 2023)

49th Operations Group, Holloman Air Force Base, NM

- Senior Leadership Command Spouse (Jul 2019 – Jul 2021)
- Key Spouse Mentor (Jul 2019 – Jul 2021)

Holloman Spouses' Organization, Holloman Air Force Base, NM

- Thrift Store Advisor (Jul 2019 – Jul 2021)
- Scholarship Advisor (Jan 2020 – Jul 2021)
- Scholarship Chair (Mar 2020 – Nov 2020)

Cadet Group One, United States Air Force Academy, CO

- Senior Leadership Command Spouse (May 2015 – May 2017)
- Key Spouse Mentor (May 2015 – May 2017)

Holloman Officers' Spouses Club, Holloman Air Force Base, NM

- Scholarship Chair (Feb 2015 – May 2015)

49th Operations Support Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, NM

- Command Spouse (Sep 2012 – Aug 2014)
- Key Spouse Mentor (Sep 2012 – Aug 2014)
- Key Spouse (Sep 2012 – Aug 2014)

UNLV Department of Communication Studies, Las Vegas, NV

- Visiting Instructor for Inaugural Large Lecture Sections of COM 102: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (Jan 2007 – Dec 2007)
- Part-Time Instructor for COM 102: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication and COM 101: Oral Communication (Aug 2006 – Dec 2006)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (Aug 2004 – May 2006)
- Editorial Assistant, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (Mar 2005 – May 2006)
- Assistant to the Executive Director, Rhetoric Society of America (Mar 2005 – May 2006, Sep 2007 – May 2008)

Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Olympic Winter Games,

Salt Lake City, UT

- Associate Public Communications Writer (Jan 2002 – Feb 2002)

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, AZ

- Senior Congressional Relations Representative (Jul 1999 – Jan 2002)
- Congressional Relations Representative (Jan 1999 – Jun 1999)

Bryce Harlow Institute on Business & Government Affairs,

The Fund for American Studies, Washington, DC

- Program Assistant (May 1997 – Aug 1997, May 1998 – Aug 1998)

Office of U.S. Senator Charles Grassley, Washington, DC

- Press Intern (Jan 1998 – May 1998)

AT&T Federal Government Affairs, Washington, DC

- Lobbying Intern (Jun 1996 – Jul 1996)

KEY ADVOCACY APPOINTMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Continuous Improvement Plan Team, 2022-2023, Appointed Parent Representative, Staton Elementary School, Las Vegas, NV
- School Organizational Team, 2021-2022, Elected Magnet Parent Representative, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas, NV
- 49th Wing Commander's Education Advisory Council, Elementary and Middle School Representative, Holloman Air Force Base, NM
- Secured \$200K in construction funding for the Holloman Air Force Base Thrift Store and Airman's Attic facility, Holloman AFB, NM
- Awarded over \$74K in scholarships to military dependents to pursue undergraduate and graduate education, Holloman AFB, NM
- Principals' Strategic Planning Team, Fort Belvoir Upper Elementary and Fort Belvoir Primary Elementary Schools, Fort Belvoir, VA
- Site Planning Committee, Douglass Valley Elementary School, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- 100% successful resolution of all Congressional and Department of Defense inquiries within 10-day contractual deadline, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, AZ

EDUCATION

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Doctor of Public Policy candidate, School of Public Policy and Leadership, anticipated graduation May 2024
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, MA in Communication Studies, Department of Communication Studies, May 2006
- Truman State University, BA in Communication (Journalism Emphasis), Communication Department, summa cum laude, May 1998
- Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs, Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, Jun 1996 – Jul 1996
- North Iowa Area Community College, Journalism Major, Aug 1994 – May 1995

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023-2024 UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Fellowship, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College, Las Vegas, NV
- 2022 UNLV Rebel Grad Slam 3-Minute Thesis Finalist, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College, Las Vegas, NV
- 2022-2023 Patricia Sastaunik Scholarship Recipient, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College, Las Vegas, NV
- Nellis Area Spouses' Club 2022 Viper Scholarship for Military Spouses Recipient, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV
- United States Air Force 2021 Volunteer Excellence Award for Exceptional Long-Term Military Community Support, Holloman AFB, NM
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College Commencement Speaker, Spring 2006 Ceremony, Las Vegas, NV
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2006 Graduate Assistant Excellence in Teaching Award, Las Vegas, NV
- Truman State University 1997 Woman of Distinction Award, Kirksville, MO
- National Council of Teachers of English 1993 Achievement Award in Writing, Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS

- Tidgewell, Karin D., and Jennifer L. Bevan. "Jealousy Targets' Rumination as a Consequence of Partner Jealousy Expression." *Communication Studies* 60.3 (2009): 305-323.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Reflections on the Process: Advice from Recent Graduates." *Getting the Most from Your Graduate Education in Communication: A Student's Handbook*. Eds. Sherwyn Morreale and Pat Arneson. Washington, DC: National Communication Association, 2008.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Examining Self-Disclosure in Different Contexts." *Introduction to Interpersonal Communication*. By Kory Floyd. UNLV Custom ed. Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill Custom Solutions, 2007. 83-92.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Nonverbal Messages in Organizations." *Introduction to Interpersonal Communication*. By Kory Floyd. UNLV Custom ed. Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill Custom Solutions, 2007. 175-82.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Breaking Bad News Can Be Hard to Do." *Introduction to Interpersonal Communication*. By Kory Floyd. UNLV Custom ed. Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill Custom Solutions, 2007. 225-35.
- Bevan, Jennifer L., Karin D. Tidgewell, Karissa C. Barkdull, Lauren Cusanelli, Meredith Hartstern, Domina Holbeck, and Jarold L. Hale. "Serial Argumentation Goals and Their Relationships to Perceived Resolvability and Choice of Conflict Tactics." *Communication Quarterly* 55.1 (2007): 61-77.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "The Most Powerful Woman in the World: The Rhetorical Image Construction of Condoleezza Rice." MA thesis. U of Nevada, Las Vegas. 2006.

CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Ensuring Supplemental Academic Assistance for Elementary-Aged Highly-Mobile Military Children." Research presented at the annual competition for the Rebel Grad Slam 3-Minute Thesis Competition of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2022.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Self-Defense and the Indefensible: Reassessing Apologia and Exigence via Condoleezza Rice and the 9/11 Commission." Paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 2007.
- Tidgewell, Karin D., and Jennifer L. Bevan. "Jealousy Targets' Ruminations as a Consequence of Partner Jealousy Expression." Paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 2007.
- Bevan, Jennifer L., Karin D. Tidgewell, and Stephen M. Yoshimura. "Relational Uncertainty as an Antecedent and Consequence of Partner Jealousy Expression." Paper selected for presentation at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas, November 2006.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Self-Defense and the Indefensible: Apologia, Condoleezza Rice, and 9/11." Paper presented at the annual convention of the Western States Communication Association, Palm Springs, California, February 2006.
- Bevan, Jennifer L., Karin D. Tidgewell, Karissa C. Barkdull, Lauren Cusanelli, Meredith Hartstern, Domina Holbeck, and Jarold L. Hale. "Serial Argumentation Goals and Their Relationships with Perceived Resolvability and Choice of Conflict Tactics." Paper presented by Karin D. Tidgewell at the annual conference of the Western States Communication Association, Palm Springs, California, February 2006.
- Bevan, Jennifer L., Karin D. Tidgewell, Indu Agarwal, Karissa C. Barkdull, Jasmine S. Crighton, Meredith Hartstern, Lynn Hayase, Tracilee Hoffman, Domina Holbeck, Ji Hoon Lee, Sarah E. Morton, Dawn E. Nicol, and Shayler K. White. "Biological Sex Differences in Usage of Partner Jealousy Expression Types and Responses to Partner Jealousy Expression from the Perspective of the Jealous Target." Paper presented by Karissa C. Barkdull at the annual conference of the Western States Communication Association, Palm Springs, California, February 2006.
- Tidgewell, Karin D. "Identity Management of George W. Bush Specific to the War on Terror Following the Release of the Final Report of the 9/11 Commission." Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2005.
- Wittenberg-Lyles, Elaine M., Robert Dusbabek, Karin Tidgewell, and Sharlene Thompson. "An Exploratory Study of Cancer Diagnosis Disclosure in the Workplace." Paper presented by Elaine M. Wittenberg-Lyles at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2005.