



Innovations in Regional Transportation

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Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Officers 2017

Vice Mayor Patrick Roff (City of Bradenton) Chair

Vice Mayor Patrick Roff was recently elected Chair of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) at the Council's 54th Annual Meeting. Vice Mayor Roff is in his 3rd term as City Councilman for the City of Bradenton and is the second elected official in TBRPC's 50+ year history to lead from the City of Bradenton. He has represented the city on the Council for the past 9 years and has served as Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. He also serves on the Council's Executive/Budget and Legislative Committees. Vice Mayor Roff is Chair of the Manatee-Sarasota Metropolitan Planning Organization, and serves on the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors.



Commissioner Janet Long (Pinellas County) Vice Chair

Commissioner Janet Long, recently elected as the Chair of the Pinellas County Commission, has represented the county on the TBRPC since 2013. Commissioner Long serves on the Council's Executive/Budget and Legislative Committees and represents the TBRPC on the Florida Regional Council's Association Policy Board. She also serves on the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Board of Directors. Commissioner Long is a former member of the Florida House of Representatives.



Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Jr. (Citrus County) Secretary/Treasurer

In 2015, Citrus County became a member of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and elected Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Jr. to represent the county on the TBRPC. Commissioner Kitchen was elected to the Citrus County Commission in 2014 and prior to that served as Mayor of the City of Crystal River for 10 years. He serves on the TBRPC's Executive/Budget Committee and the Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA), and is a member of the Tourist Development Council.





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8:30- 9:00 am **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:00- 9:15 am **Welcome** - Vice Mayor Patrick Roff, TBRPC Chair

Accessing State & Federal Transportation Funding

Paul Steinman, FDOT District 7 Secretary
James Christian, Administrator FHA Florida Division
Carl Mikyska, Executive Director, MPOAC

Innovations in Transportation/Transit in Tampa Bay

Brad Miller, CEO, PSTA
Katharine Eagan, CEO, HART
Beth Alden, Executive Director, Hillsborough MPO
Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Forward Pinellas
David Hutchinson, Executive Director, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Advocating for Transportation Priorities in Tampa Bay

Ray Chiamonte, CEO, TBARTA
Sean Sullivan, Executive Director, TBRPC
Angela Crist, Executive Director, Suncoast League of Cities

12:00 pm

Luncheon

Financing Public Transportation and Defining an MPO Governance Model
Gary Gallegos, CEO, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

1:30 pm

<u>Session A: Transportation Safety</u>	<u>Session B: Trends in Place-making</u>
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2:45 pm

Mid-Afternoon Break

3:00 pm

<u>Session C: Technology's impact on Transportation Planning</u>	<u>Session D: Economic Development</u>
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4:15 pm

Adjourn

Accessing State & Federal Transportation Funding

Paul Steinman, District Seven Secretary Florida Department of Transportation

Paul Steinman was named the District 7 Secretary in March of 2013. He has more than 25 years of DOT transportation experience in Florida, Idaho and Michigan. Paul is a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He holds engineering licenses in Florida, Idaho, Michigan and North Carolina. As the District 7 Secretary, Paul provides administrative oversight for the planning, development and operations for all transportation modes within Citrus, Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco and Pinellas counties. He serves as a member of the FDOT Executive Team, the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) Board and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Board. He is an active participant in the department's effort for incorporating and implementing autonomous vehicle technologies within the transportation network. Paul has an extensive construction background and has previously served as the FDOT State Construction Engineer.



James Christian, Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration, Florida, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands

James Christian currently serves as the FHWA Division Administrator for Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to deliver a \$2.3 Billion Federal-aid program. Mr. Christian leads a staff of multi-disciplinary professionals in advancing safety initiatives, administering surface transportation programs, and deploying innovations and technologies to accelerate transportation projects. Mr. Christian previously worked as the FHWA Division Administrator in Utah for 5 years where he partnered with the Utah DOT in a national deployment of their accelerated bridge technologies and innovative project delivery practices. James has over 22 years of experience in the transportation industry working throughout the United States. Mr. Christian holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and is a registered Professional Engineer.



Carl Mikyska, Executive Director Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

Carl Mikyska is Executive Director of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council. He has 26 years of public sector transportation experience and previously worked for The Chicago Area Transportation Study (now the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning), the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration – Florida Division. The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council is a statewide transportation planning and policy organization created by the Florida Legislature to augment the role of individual MPOs in the cooperative transportation planning process. The MPOAC assists MPOs in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process by serving as the principal forum for collective policy discussion. Carl obtained his MBA from the University of Illinois at Springfield. When he is not working, Carl enjoys being a cyclist, woodworker, and dad.



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Beth Alden, Executive Director, Hillsborough MPO

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Katharine Eagan, CEO, HART

Katharine Eagan, AICP, is Chief Executive Officer of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART). Under her leadership, HART has greatly expanded public-private partnerships with entities such as MegaBus, Red Coach, Coast Bike Share, Yellow Cab, and TransDev, and HART is continuing to pursue partnerships that provide travel options beyond traditional buses. Ms. Eagan was awarded the Florida Diversity Council's 2016 Powerful and Influential Women award, was named the Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2016 Businesswoman of the Year for Economic Development, and was the Women Transportation Seminar's Woman of the Year in Tampa Bay, 2016. Ms. Eagan has also worked in the MTA of Baltimore, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, and the City of San Angelo. She holds a Master of Public Administration from Angelo State University, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She and her husband have two delightful boys.



David Hutchinson, Executive Director, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

David L. Hutchinson serves as Executive Director of the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization. His multi-disciplinary background spans more than 35 years and combines planning, policy and public affairs. Before joining the MPO staff in 2011, he served as Director of Planning for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, and worked for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as a Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of Policy Planning in Tallahassee and as Intergovernmental Liaison in FDOT's District One Southwest Area Office. Before that he worked as Director of Account Services and Public Relations for Tweed Advertising in Fort Myers, handling accounts related to tourism, economic development, planning and engineering. Before moving to Florida in 2000, David served as County Administrator for Grand County in Moab, Utah. He previously worked as a Legislative Aide to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and as National Public Relations Coordinator for the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Brad Miller, CEO, PSTA

Brad Miller is CEO of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Florida's 4th largest public transportation system and the regional transit authority serving Pinellas County with 200 buses and 600 dedicated employees. Prior to joining PSTA three years ago, Brad served: Five years as the General Manager of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority in Des Moines, Iowa; Six years at the Charlotte Area Transit System in North Carolina where he helped implement a new light rail system; and Eight years for a commuter rail system operating in the Washington, D.C. area. He has a Master's in Public Administration from Syracuse University and an undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary. Brad is married with two children and lives in St. Petersburg.



Advocating for Transportation Priorities in Tampa Bay

Ray Chiamonte, CEO, TBARTA

Ray, in his role as Executive Director of TBARTA, is trying to bring the many voices of the region together to speak with one regional transportation message. Prior to his present position, Ray Chiamonte was the Executive Director of both the Hillsborough County Planning Commission and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, overseeing a staff dedicated to long-range land use and transportation planning for Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and unincorporated Hillsborough County. Prior to that role Ray served as Assistant Executive Director of the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, from 1996 to 2008. Since the 1980s, Ray has been at the forefront of the New Urbanist movement and in April 2007 was elected chairman of National American Planning Association's (APA) New Urbanism Division. Ray is a graduate from the University of South Florida with an overall emphasis on Planning, Political Science, and Public Administration.



Sean Sullivan, Executive Director, TBRPC

Sean Sullivan was appointed Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Council in December of 2016. Prior to joining TBRPC, Sean worked in Region One of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration in Cambridge Mass where he managed capital projects and operational finances for transit agencies throughout New England. Sullivan earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University in Boston. He is the two time recipient of the Administrator's Award from the Federal Transit Administration. He was also honored by receiving the Fellowship Award from Suffolk University and the Presidents Medal from UMass Lowell. He is a member of the American Planning Association, and is a Certified Softball and Basketball Official. He is married to his wife Janice of 29 years and has two adult daughters.



Angela Crist, Executive Director, Suncoast League of Cities

Since joining the University of South Florida in 2004, Ms. Crist has worked in both the advancement and academic areas of the university. Currently, she serves as the Director for the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government at USF and Executive Director of the Suncoast League of Cities. Ms. Crist regularly works with elected and appointed government officials, has a working knowledge of the structure and function of local governments and is cognizant of public policy issues facing city and county government. Ms. Crist collaborates with Dr. Susan MacManus on the USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey. With 20 years' experience in non-profit management, higher education and local government affairs, Angela has consistently achieved positive results by motivating and leading organizations to identify, develop, and capitalize on business opportunities by forging alliance across organizational boundaries. Ms. Crist holds a BFA in Communication and a Master of Public Administration from Valdosta State University.





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Luncheon

Invocation – Commissioner Ron Kitchen, TBRPC Secretary/Treasurer

Introduction - TBRPC Vice Chair, Commissioner Janet Long

Financing Public Transportation and Defining an MPO Governance Model

Gary Gallegos, CEO, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

Gary Gallegos is the Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). SANDAG is the leading research, planning, and transportation agency for the San Diego region. The agency builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation, and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life. Agency policymakers are elected officials from each of the area's 18 cities and the county.



Mr. Gallegos' recent accomplishments at SANDAG include overseeing the completion of the Interstate 15 Express Lanes, a \$1.3 billion expressway within a freeway, and spearheading the acquisition of the State Route 125 toll road, commonly known as the South Bay Expressway, for \$341.5 million.

In 2004, Mr. Gallegos led the charge to extend TransNet, a regional half-cent sales tax for transportation. Administered by SANDAG, the original 20-year TransNet program generated \$3.3 billion to fund highway, transit, and local road projects. The 40-year TransNet extension will raise another \$14 billion for similar improvements.

Most recently, Mr. Gallegos has worked with partner agencies toward securing the federal and state approvals necessary to create a third international border crossing in San Diego County – Otay Mesa East – and a short connecting highway. SANDAG will administer a toll that will generate funds to pay for the facility.

Mr. Gallegos holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico. He is a registered civil engineer.

Session A: Transportation Safety

Moderator: Beth Alden, Executive Director, Hillsborough MPO

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Safety considerations for Public Transit – Demian Miller, Tindale Oliver

Since joining Tindale Oliver in 2002, Demian Miller has served as a planner, project manager, and principal-in-charge on a wide range of transportation planning and engineering projects for city and county governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). His areas of expertise include traffic safety and safety program management, bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility, multimodal corridor and sub-area studies, and growth management policy planning. Demian also serves as a member of the consultant support team for FHWA's "Focused Approach to Pedestrian Safety" and has provided technical assistance and led "Designing for Pedestrian Safety" workshops for FHWA. Recently, Demian's work with Tindale Oliver has included oversight of a contract focused on improving the safety and access of cyclists and pedestrians accessing transit by identifying higher-risk locations and conducting spot and segment safety audits.



Distracted Driving – John Pecchio, American Automobile Association

John Pecchio joined AAA – The Auto Club Group in September, 1987. Traffic Safety has always been part of AAA's mission and since 2011, John has forwarded this life-saving charge through his work with their Traffic Safety Foundation. As such, he works on the planning, development and execution of Traffic Safety programs and initiatives that protect and save the lives of the drivers, passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages. John is directly responsible for the strategy and communication of the distracted driving program in the club's 11-state territory. Distracted driving has become a roadway epidemic and John's passion and dedication to traffic safety has been well-suited in the Foundation's work to produce a significant and continuous reduction in traffic crashes, injuries and deaths in the communities targeted by their efforts.



Trucking Safety – Dr. Ken Armstrong, President and CEO, Florida Trucking Association

As President and CEO of the Florida Trucking Association (FTA), Dr. Kenneth Armstrong helps the organization elevate the image and issues of the state trucking industry in political, regulatory and business arenas. Dr. Armstrong is a veteran of the nonprofit sector, and FTA is the fourth institution where he has served as chief executive officer. Much of his career has been in resource development; organizations under his leadership have raised almost a quarter billion dollars. Previously he worked with such national figures as Bill Gates, Carol Burnett, Jeb Bush, Jimmy Buffett and Roger Staubach. He draws from an extensive network of business, nonprofit, government and political contacts to push forward the issues of Florida's trucking industry. As the most visible spokesperson for the industry, he draws upon this group of varied leaders to help inform and guide his advocacy for the FTA.



Session B: Trends in Place-making

Moderator: Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

Whit is the Executive Director of Forward Pinellas, a countywide land use and transportation planning agency serving the St. Petersburg-Clearwater area within the Tampa Bay region. Whit was a co-founder of Renaissance Planning Group and served as the firm's vice president from 1999 to 2015 before moving to the public sector. He served as a member of APA's Board of Directors from 2012 to 2016 and has held a variety of other volunteer positions within APA and AICP at the national level. In 2011, Whit was selected for the AICP President's Award for Exemplary Practice. He was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows in 2012. A graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelors degree in journalism and communications, Whit completed his masters degree coursework in urban & regional planning at Florida State University.



Tampa and St. Petersburg Innovation Districts – Clarence Eng, Kimley-Horn

Clarence is a senior transit/TOD practice leader at Kimley-Horn for integrated transportation and land use, placemaking and strategic redevelopment planning. Recent projects include the 2016 Wake County, NC Transit Investment Strategy that resulted in a successful countywide tax referendum; Richmond Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) AA that resulted in FTA funding; and three current Florida streetcar projects (Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach and Tampa). Additionally, Clarence has completed award-winning transit-oriented developments (TODs) in the Washington, DC region, and has an extensive portfolio of redevelopment plans, corridor studies, and neighborhood revitalization projects with over \$500 million dollars of development in the United States, Canada, UK and China. Clarence is the Chair of the Tampa Innovation Alliance - Advisory Board and is an active member of Urban Land Institute Tampa Bay District Council's Transportation Investment Working Group. Clarence holds a Master of Planning and Master of Urban Design from the University of Southern California.



Measuring multimodal accessibility – Franco Saraceno, Renaissance Planning

Franco is a principal at Renaissance Planning with 15 years of experience in the field, the majority of which has been in the transportation space. His areas of expertise include long range transportation plan updates, multimodal accessibility analyses, transit corridor studies, travel demand modeling, transportation surveys, and freight systems planning. Franco focuses on innovative approaches to transportation challenges, including technical solutions and public involvement activities designed to both engage and educate participants. He has successfully led both small and large systems, subarea, and corridor planning studies and has recently conducted multimodal accessibility analyses to support subarea studies in the Bradenton and Lakeland areas.



Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan – Aileen Bouclé, Miami Dade MPO

Ms. Bouclé is the Executive Director for the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization. She is currently leading the charge, along with the MPO Governing Board, to provide mobility choices for the residents of Miami-Dade County through the local transportation planning process, and more specifically the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit "SMART" Plan. She has worked in the transportation field for over 20 years in both the private industry and with the Florida Department of Transportation. Ms. Bouclé has a Master's Degree in Environmental and Urban Systems, with a specialty in Transportation Planning, as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University.



Session C: Technology's impact on Transportation Planning

Moderator: Scott Pringle, Jacobs Engineering, Florida Planning Practice Leader

Scott coordinates transportation planning for Jacobs in Florida. He has over 16 years of experience leading transit, transportation, and pedestrian infrastructure evaluations. Scott began his career in New York, evaluating impacts for one of the largest transit systems in the world. Over the past 11 years, Scott has dedicated his career to our region's need for mobility and is invested in moving beyond study to implementation. He has a passion for transit and understands its value having lived for many years without owning a car. Over the past 11 years, Scott has played a leading role in all of the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority's Regional Plans, MPO Long Range Plans, as well as the Pinellas Alternatives Analysis. Recently, Scott established transit concept review guidelines for FDOT Central Office which is being applied throughout the State.



Impact of innovation and technology on the planning process - Bob Clifford, WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff

Bob has an extensive background related to transportation policy, planning, and construction in the region. He has had key roles on aviation, seaport, transit, and highway projects across Florida and the United States. Bob currently serves as WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff's West Florida Area Manager, where he leads the effort to shape the firm's business focus in Florida. He also focuses and leads efforts on Design/Build, C-AV, and transit technology funding and policy issues for the firm. Bob has a strong knowledge of the issues and interactions among state, regional and local transportation agencies, having previously served as the Executive Director of Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and as Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7's District Intermodal Systems Development Manager. Bob lives in Lutz with his wife and two daughters.



Planning for connected and automated vehicles – Bob Frey, Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority

Bob Frey, AICP serves as the Planning Director for the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) and is the project manager for THEA's Connected Vehicle Pilot Deployment. Bob has more than 25 years of experience working with local, state agencies, as well as toll agencies. Since joining THEA in September 2012, THEA has embarked on several new initiatives with a focus on improving mobility in Tampa Bay, including the development of the Selmon Greenway and the award of the USDOT CV Pilot Deployment. As part of the USDOT CV Pilot Deployment Bob has experience with both the technical and policy challenges of deploying CV technology. He holds a Masters of Public Policy from Baylor University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



Hyperloop and other technologies – John Kulpa, AECOM

Dr. Kulpa has 36 years of experience in highway development, airport ground access, transit, rail, and large-scale multidiscipline and multi-modal transportation programs. His experience in transportation planning and engineering covers the entire range of transportation systems management and planning techniques including airport landside operations; roadway operations; managed lanes; high-occupancy vehicle (HOV), high-occupancy toll (HOT), and transit operations; demand management strategies; parking management and facility design; bus operations; congestion management; and implementation of traffic improvements and innovative technologies, such as bus priority systems, bus rapid transit, arterial HOV systems, red light camera streetcars, and electric trolley buses. Dr. Kulpa's administration and management experience for urban transportation and highway development transportation projects covers construction values up to \$9 billion across the United States with diverse experience with rail programs in Texas and Florida and an airport project in Los Angeles, CA as well as a high speed rail project.



Session D: Economic Development

Moderator: Mike Meidel, Director, Pinellas County Economic Development

In August 2004, Mike was appointed Director of the Pinellas County Economic Development Department. The Department's mission is to retain existing businesses and encourage their success and expansion; attract new high-quality and diversified employment; improve the business climate; and facilitate availability of a qualified workforce. Mike oversees a staff of 17 full-time professionals. Mr. Meidel is a cum laude graduate of Florida State University (1981). He is also a graduate of the Economic Development Institute of the University of Oklahoma (1991) and of the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Georgia (2003). He is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).



Freight logistics – Brian Hunter FDOT

Brian Hunter is the District 7 Freight Coordinator for the Florida Department of Transportation where his primary role is ensuring the freight, trade and logistics industries have an active voice in transportation planning. He serves as the statewide focus area leader on incorporating freight related improvements into FDOT projects and is currently working on a new process to quickly implement infrastructure improvements that support goods movement in the Tampa Bay Region. He has worked at FDOT for 10 years in the aviation, seaport and freight fields. He is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and the I-95 Corridor Coalition's Freight Academy.



Port Tampa Bay Vision 2030 – Ram Kancharla, Port Tampa Bay

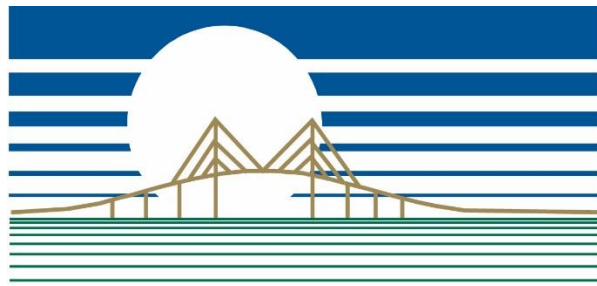
Ram Kancharla is Vice President of Planning and Development for Florida's largest port. For more than two decades, he has overseen Port Tampa Bay's capital improvements, strategic planning, economic development, transportation planning, capital resource management, regulatory compliance, and inter-agency coordination and outreach at the state and federal level. Kancharla has a Master's in Business Administration from the University of South Florida and is certified by the American Association of Port Authorities as a Professional Port Manager (PPM®). He advises or serves on the boards of Floridians for Better Transportation, the Suncoast Economic Development Corporation, the Florida Ports Financing Commission, and the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research. Kancharla is also a Global Advisory Council member for Columbia -based Innovation in Logistics, Supply Chain and Port Management (LOGPORT) and, U.S. Maritime Administration Strong Ports focus group member. He is an active Rotarian and serves on several community boards including Feeding America.



Rail's role in goods movement – Bob O'Malley, CSX

Bob is the Resident Vice President of State Government and Community Affairs in Florida for CSX Transportation. In this role, he handles state and local government relations and community affairs throughout Florida. Prior to CSX, he held positions as a public affairs consultant Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Planning for Metroplan Orlando. Bob serves as the gubernatorial appointed Chairman of the Seminole County Early Learning Coalition. He also serves on the Board of Directors for City Year Miami, Associated Industries of Florida (AIF), Orlando BusinessForce, Tampa Bay Public Leadership Institute, Jacksonville Political Leadership Institute, Seminole County Board of Adjustment and the City of Altamonte Springs Code Enforcement Board. He is a graduate of the University of Central Florida, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. I also attended the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.





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