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**Governor Crist Appoints 28 to Workforce Florida Board of
Directors**

TALLAHASSEE—Workforce Florida Chairman Katherine E. Wilson applauds the appointments and reappointment by Governor Charlie Crist this week to the Workforce Florida Board of Directors. The Governor has announced 27 new appointments and one reappointment.

Workforce Florida is the state's business-led workforce policy board and a catalyst in the creation of world-class talent. While keeping its goals aligned with the state's priorities, Workforce Florida aims to strengthen Florida's business climate and help Floridians enter and advance in the workforce.

"I'm eagerly anticipating the unique and insightful leadership these appointees will bring to the Workforce Florida Board," said Chairman Wilson. "Talent is a cornerstone of Florida's business infrastructure. I expect this board's expertise and commitment to cultivating world-class talent to help Florida retain its position as a national workforce leader, and to advance our state's competitiveness in the global economy."

The new appointments are as follows:

- David Armstrong of Fort Lauderdale, president, Broward Community College. Armstrong is a former chancellor of Florida Community Colleges and Workforce Education.
- Daniel "Dan" Baldwin of New Port Richey, management consultant, Baldwin & Associates, LLC.
- Robert "Bob" Beck of Bradenton, owner and president, Staffing Professionals Inc. Beck also is chairman-elect of the Suncoast Workforce Board.

- Randolph “Randy” Berridge of Longwood, president, Berridge Group Inc. Berridge also is president of the Florida High Tech Corridor Council.
- Leslie Cagle of Pensacola, program manager, Avalex Technologies.
- Kathryn “Kay” Cowling of Ponte Vedra Beach, senior vice president of corporate development, Medical Services Company.
- Miguel Fuentes of Boynton Beach, political director, Florida Carpenters Regional Council.
- Scott Goyer of Clearwater, chief executive officer, YMCA of the Suncoast.
- Jennifer Grove of Pensacola, workforce development coordinator, Gulf Power Company. Grove also is co-chair of the Florida Energy Workforce Consortium and a member of the Advisory Council of the Employ Florida Banner Center for Energy.
- Don Gugliuzza of Bradenton, senior manager of organization development, Tropicana Products. Gugliuzza also is a member of the Suncoast Workforce Board and the Advisory Council of the Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing.
- George Hauer of Merritt Island, vice president, Wyle Aerospace Group. Hauer also is a member of the Advisory Council of the Employ Florida Banner Center for Aerospace and the Brevard Workforce Aerospace Career Development Council.
- Dwayne Ingram of Odessa, lead executive in North America, Amadeus.
- Lila Jaber of Tallahassee, shareholder, Akerman Senterfitt Attorneys at Law. Jaber also is a former chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission.
- Everett Kelly of Lady Lake, chief executive officer, Thomas Langley Medical Center and former state representative. Kelly also is a member of the Board of Directors of Workforce Central Florida.
- Eric Kennedy of Margate, director of construction management program, Everglades University.
- Andre Perez of Pinecrest, owner and chief financial officer, The Academy of South Florida, and member of the South Florida Workforce Board.
- Hilda Quintero of Deltona, assistant to State Representative Pat Patterson.

- James Richburg of Niceville, president, Northwest Florida State College, and a former member of the Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.
- Jesus “Jay” Rosario of Clermont, owner, Rosario Automotive Group.
- Mark Sharpe of Tampa, Hillsborough County Commissioner.
- Linda Sparks of Orange Park, regional executive director, Jacksonville Academy of Electrical Technology and member of the First Coast Workforce Development Board and the FloridaWorks Board of Directors.
- Michael Stephenson of Englewood, president, Suncoast Firefighters and Paramedics.
- Shayne Stewart of Fort Walton Beach, fire marshal, Okaloosa Island Fire District.
- Alfredo “Al” Stimac of Altamonte Springs, owner and president, Metal Essence Inc., and former member of the Board of Directors of Workforce Central Florida. Stimac also currently serves as President of the Manufacturers of Florida Board of Directors
- Samuel “Buddy” Streit of Tallahassee, president, Boys and Girls Club of Big Bend.
- Daniel Suarez of Miami, owner, Delicious Ads Inc.
- Mark Wilson of Tallahassee, president and chief executive officer, Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Additionally, James “Jim” Baiardi of Miami, vice president of chapters, Florida Police Benevolent Association, was reappointed for a third term. He has served on the Workforce Florida Board since 2005.

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