

Central Florida Partnership
2010 Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Chamber of Commerce Building

Present: Allen Brinkman; Karen L. Dee; Anthony J. Catanese; Tracy Duda Chapman; Mary L. Demetree; Patricia J. Engfer; Aaron J. Gorovitz; Debbie Harvey; C.T. Hsu; James E. Jardon, II; Tony Jenkins; Yolanda Londoño; Alex Martins; Shannon K. McAleavey; F. David McKinney; Paul Shaffer, Tony Stiffler, Jacob V. Stuart; and Rasesh Thakkar.

Absent: Loren J. Bender; Laura M. Boisvert; Mark Brewer; Des Cummings, Jr.; Orlando L. Evora; Richard T. Florell; Carolyn Gosselin; Kevin Healy; John Hillenmeyer; John C. Hitt; Clayton Hollis; C. Dean Kurtz; Leila Jammal-Nodarse; Jeffery Q. Jonasen; Thomas S. Kornegay; Frederick W. Leonhardt; Bob McAdam; John Moskos; Kelley P. Mossburg; J. Stanley Payne; Steven B. Rivers; Captain Harry M. Robinson; Timothy Seneff; Judy D. Spencer; and Ed Timberlake.

Guest in Attendance: Lt. Gen. Tom Baptiste (Ret.)

Staff in Attendance: Leslie Hielema, Michael Ketchum, Shelley Lauten, Kathy Panter, Kristine Vorpapel Shields and Carol Walker.

2010 Chair, Alex Martins, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Martins called for approval of the 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2010. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes as presented.

Jacob V. Stuart, President, introduced several articles found in *Spacecoast Business Magazine* and *Florida Trend Magazine* that highlighted several members of the *Central Florida Partnership* Board. A discussion followed. Mr. Stuart introduced special guest Thomas L. Baptiste, Lt. General USAF (Ret.), President/Executive Director of the National Center for Simulation, who shared an update on the need for our region's continued support of Modeling & Simulation.

Alex Martins reported that the next *Central Florida Partnership* Board of Directors Meeting, being held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, will be held at the new Amway Center construction site. Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty and Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer will be Special Guests at this meeting, tour and lunch. Board Members were encouraged to attend this historical meeting.

The *Super Regional Leadership Conference*, being held in partnership with the Tampa Bay Partnership, will be held on Wednesday & Thursday, May 26 – 27, 2010, at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee. Alex Martins 2010 Chair, *Central Florida Partnership*/Orlando Magic, and John Schueler, 2011 Chair, *Tampa Bay Partnership*/Florida Communications Group will serve as the 2010 Conference Co-Chairs.

Jacob Stuart reported that the "first-ever" *Regional Rail Briefing*, hosted by *Connect Us, Tampa Bay Partnership*, and the *Central Florida Partnership*, convened by Mayor Pam Iorio, Mayor Buddy Dyer and Mayor Gow Fields, was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. A discussion followed. Mr. Stuart also reported that "full" registrations for the Baker Hostetler *Central Florida Partnership* "Trip to Washington, D.C.," being held Wednesday and Thursday, June 23 & 24, 2010, is sold out.

Shelley Lauten, President, *myregion.org* and Project Director of *Connecting for Global Competitiveness: Tampa Bay-Central Florida Super Region*, shared a PowerPoint presentation on Connecting for Global Competitiveness: Tampa Bay-Central Florida Super Region.

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Leslie Hielema, President, *Orlando, Inc.*, reported that the Orlando, Inc., B.I.G. (Business Innovation & Growth) Summit will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010. The keynote speaker for the Summit will be Bert Jacobs, Co-founder and Chief Executive Optimist of "Life is good."

Mike Ketchum, Vice President, Public Policy, *BusinessForce* reported on the success of the April 5, 2010, *BusinessForce* "Insider's Briefing," featuring 2010 Democratic Candidate for Governor, Alex Sink. Mr. Ketchum stressed the importance of the upcoming *BusinessForce* "Insider's Briefing," featuring 2010 Republican Candidate for Governors Bill McCollum, Attorney General, being held on Friday, May 7, 2010, 12:00 o'clock noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Sonesta Downtown Orlando. On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, *BusinessForce* will host the 2010 Leadership "HobNob," with Special Guests Senate President Designate Mike Haridopolos and House Speaker Designate Dean Cannon, at Church Street Station in Downtown Orlando. He also reported on the *BusinessForce* endorsements and the interview process with candidates.

The next meeting of the *Central Florida Partnership* Board of Directors will be a special "off-site" meeting and tour of the new Amway Center, held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 12:00 o'clock noon to 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Alex Martins, 2010 Chair, at 1:45 p.m.

Attest:



Carol A. Walker