

Central Florida Partnership
2011 Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Chamber of Commerce Building

Present: Wade S. Alliance; Loren J. Bender; Laura M. Boisvert; Tracy Duda Chapman; Charles Dorr; Patricia J. Engfer; Aaron J. Gorovitz; Debbie Harvey; C.T. Hsu; James E. Jardon, II; Jeffery Q. Jonasen; Thomas S. Kornegay; Frederick W. Leonhardt; Alex Martins; Adam H. McKinnon; Michael D. Minton; John Moskos; Captain William Reuter; Paul Shaffer; Jacob V. Stuart; and Ed Timberlake.

Guest in Attendance: John Sowinski.

Absent: Mark Brewer; Anthony J. Catanese; Joie Chitwood, III; Des Cummings Jr.; Karen L. Dee; Mary L. Demetree; Orlando L. Evora; Richard T. Florell; Kevin Healy; John C. Hitt; Clayton Hollis; Leila Jammal-Nodarse; Tony Jenkins; Adrian Jones; C. Dean Kurtz; Yolanda Londoño; F. David McKinney; Ron Pizzuti; Tony Stiffler; Rasesh Thakkar; and Erin Wallace.

Staff in Attendance: Scott Fagan, Leslie Hielema; Michael Ketchum; Shelley Lauten; Ruth Z. Mustian; Kathy Panter; Kristine Vorpapel; and Carol Walker.

Jeffery Q. Jonasen, 2011 Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jonasen called for approval of the 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2011. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes as presented. Scott Fagan, Director of Financial Services, *Central Florida Partnership*, presented a historical overview of the Chamber of Commerce Building and reviewed the terms of the original Lease between the City of Orlando and the Orlando Area Chamber of Commerce (dated May 10, 1969, and ending May 9, 2018). A discussion followed.

Alex Martins, Chair, 2011 Leadership Development Committee, extended his thanks to members of the 2011 *Central Florida Partnership* Leadership Development Committee. He then reviewed the proposed 2012 Board of Directors, and offered congratulations to Aaron J. Gorovitz, who was elected to serve as the 2012 Chair-Elect of the *Central Florida Partnership*. The remaining slate of the 2012 Officers and Directors will be presented at the December Board Meeting for approval. Mr. Jonasen reviewed additional 2012 "Chairman's appointments" that will also be presented at that time.

Mr. Jonasen presented for informational purposes the Statement of Position and Statement of Activities through October 31, 2011. Following the introduction of John Sowinski, President, "No Casinos for Florida," and Principal, Consensus Communications, Mr. Sowinski shared the historical background on Gambling in Florida. A discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the *Resolution of Support Opposing Additional Gambling in Florida by Supporting "No (More) Casinos in Florida* as presented. He also reviewed possible 2012 Partnership Opportunities between the *Tampa Bay Partnership* and the *Central Florida Partnership*.

Leslie Hielema, President, Orlando, Inc., reported on the success of The B.I.G. Summit, held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, and reported on the progress of the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem and the Entrepreneurs Academy. The Entrepreneurs Academy is designed for growth-oriented entrepreneurs who are seeking the tools and resources to innovate and grow. Crafted by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, the Academy will offer a two-day class with comfortably small groups to ensure dynamic interaction among participants.

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Michael Minton updated the group on the Regional Water Strategy. Jacob Stuart reported that the "Open for Business" Regional Work Groups will conclude their work on December 9, 2011. Working closely with the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders, this project is moving forward through the combined efforts of three (3) "Open for Business" Regional Work Groups: Streamlining Permitting & Licensing, Reviewing Transactional Fees, and Creating Access to Capital. Each Regional Work Group presented their preliminary recommendations to the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders, for their approval, on Friday, November 4, 2011. These recommendations will be presented at the "Open for Business" Regional Business Summit, scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2011, hosted by *myregion.org* Executive Board of Advisors and the Central Florida Congress of Regional Leaders. The Summit will be held at SeaWorld's Ports of Call at SeaWorld. Special Guests include: Dale A. Brill, Ph.D., President, Florida Chamber Foundation; Chris Hart, IV, President, Workforce Florida, Inc.; Gray Swoope, Secretary of Commerce, and President & CEO, Enterprise Florida; and Doug Darling, Executive Director, Department of Economic Opportunity.

Michael Ketchum, President, *BusinessForce*, reported on the results of the City of Orlando Mayoral Candidate Interviews. Those serving on the City of Orlando Selection Committee included: Linda Landman Gonzalez, Chair, Orlando Magic; Jeff Jonasen, Perez, Bruce and Jonasen; Greg Lee, Baker Hostetler; Dori Madison, VHB Miller Sellen; John McReynolds, Universal Orlando; Sharon Smoley, Walt Disney World; Craig Swygert, Clear Channel Outdoor; Michelle Summers Strenth, Orlando Health; and Wayne Wolfson, D.C., Regional Chiropractic Group. The next *BusinessForce* "Insider's Briefing," with Special Guest, Senator Andy Gardiner, will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2011, 12:00 o'clock noon to 1:30 p.m., at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Downtown Orlando.

The next and final 2011 meeting of the *Central Florida Partnership* Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 12:00 o'clock noon to 2:00 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Jeffery Q. Jonasen, Chair, at 1:45 p.m.

Attest:



Carol A. Walker