

Florida Freight Advisory Committee 2021-2023 Members



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Vacant, Administrative Director



Title	
Experience	
Education	
Duration	
Contribution	

New Members

Kevin Daugherty, AAE



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Airport Manager at the Brooksville – Tampa Bay Regional Airport
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2013 – Present Airport Manager Brooksville – Tampa Bay Regional Airport• 2007 – 2013 Airport Manager – Frederick Municipal Airport• 2002 – 2007 Operations Supervisor – Roanoke Regional Airport• 2000 – 2002 Public Information & Marketing – Denver International Airport
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.S. Airport Management – Southern Illinois University• Accredited Member of the American Association of Airport Executives• Single Engine Commercial Pilot with Instrument Privileges
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 + years of Aviation Experience
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and development of a 2,400-acre multi-modal campus to achieve long-term, sustainable growth;• Collaborate with Economic Development to match land and facility availability with new business opportunities;• Oversee infrastructure development from unimproved land to fully powered, built-out and operational;• Complete capital improvements that maximize Airport and Technology Center economic potential.

Nick Primrose



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief of Regulatory Compliance, Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal and regulatory compliance with Federal, State and Local laws• Civil, Administrative and Constitutional Litigation• Former Deputy General Counsel for Florida Governors Rick Scott and Ron DeSantis (2017-2020); Former General Counsel for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (2019-2020)• Licensed Florida Bar Attorney
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juris Doctor (Barry University)• Master of Public Administration (DePaul University)• Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Communications (Lake Forest College)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 months
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilizing my experience in the legal, policy, and government affairs areas to provide advice and support on transportation, logistics, emergency management, and public policy issues.

Patrick Feeney



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Regional Manager – Florida at Kenan Advantage Group
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operational management in trucking transportation hauling HazMat and non-HazMat commoditiesManaging of over 200 drivers, service techs, safety specialists, and office staff, and 150 trucks (working with both company drivers and independent contractors)Committee member for the Florida Trucking Association/Public Policy CommitteeFormer committee member for the Texas Food and Fuel Association/Legislative Committee
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Weber State University, Ogden, UTFluent in Spanish
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8 years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Experience and success in strategic and tactical planning with multiple organizationsImproving communications among several departments and business unitsLed safety departments for several years, implementing ELD units, internal/external event recorders, safety meeting agendas, etc.Developed hiring and training strategies

Desiree Wood



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President - REAL Women in Trucking 501 (c)(6) Founder - Truckers Emergency Assistance Responders 501 (c)(3) Professional Driver / Advocate / Consultant
Experience	<p>Commercial Truck Driver all lower 48 states Truck Driver Advocate Expert Witness: Discrimination/Sexual Misconduct in Truck Driver Training. Truck Parking: "Jason's Law" – Safe Truck Parking Movement FHWA Truck Parking Coalition Participant Consultant – Film, Documentary, Movie projects pertaining to trucking</p>
Education	<p>Bachelors of Science: Management University of Maryland University College – Adelphi, Maryland</p> <p>Coursework: International Business, Global Business / Public Policy, Accounting, Nonprofit association management</p>
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 Years
Contribution	<p>"Jason's Law" led me to become a voice for truck drivers who need suitable, safe, well designed truck parking which became a national movement in 2009 following the Murder of Jason Rivenburg. Since 2015, I have been active in the FHWA Truck Parking Coalition Workgroups, in multiple State surveys and attended various MPO meetings to help freight planners understand how truck parking is a necessary part of safety in the supply chain.</p>

Kevin C. Walford



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation Planner III, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead planner for Freight Planning Efforts at the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and have served as the Coordinator for Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) since 2017. I currently represent the TPO on the MPOAC Freight Committee and the Florida Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders (FCBF) Safety & Security Committee.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida Atlantic University• Master of Science in Education, University of Miami• Bachelor of Arts, University of Miami
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25+ years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have participated in FLFAC meetings in the past. Now as a committee member, I will provide an additional TPO/MPO perspective.

Alexander Trauger



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manager of Transportation Planning, MetroPlan Orlando
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation and Land Use Planning (Public and Private Sector)• Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis• Managed multiple regional transport/freight studies which have lead to targeted investment and discretionary funding• Board Member, TRB, Planning Policy and Process (AEP10)• Vice Chair, City of Winter Park, Transportation Advisory Board• Former Board Member and Vice Chair, City of Winter Park, Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M-MBA, Rollins College, Crummer Graduate School of Business• MPA, University of Central Florida• BA, Public Policy and Administration, University of Central Florida• Professional Designation in Logistics/Supply Chain Management
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10+ years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked to collaboratively advance high priority regional and local transportation initiatives through public-private partnership and thoughtful stakeholder engagement.

Jaha Cummings



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councilman, City of Punta Gorda• Treasurer, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 Years+ International Business Development: Market Entry, Organizational Development, Regulatory Compliance & Logistics• Industry Experience: Healthcare/Pharmaceuticals, Energy, Education, FMCG, Real Estate/Construction, Commodities, Publishing• International Market Experience: APAC, EMEA, LATAM• Intermodal Planning Experience: Aviation, Ocean, Rail, Truck
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asian Studies, Dartmouth College• Eurocentres Japan, Advanced Japanese Language & Culture• Certified International Property Specialist (CIPS)• Institute for Elected Municipal Officials Levels I, II, III, & IV
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25+ Years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expertise in Intermodal Logistics, Commercial and Residential Real Estate, Municipal Governance, International Trade Development, Public Relations & Marketing

Laura DiBella



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Director, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current point of contact with all Federal and State agencies on statewide mitigation and response efforts related to the COVID-19 crisis as it pertains to pilot health, safety, and vessel movements at Florida's seaports, allowing for zero interruption of commerceFormer Port Director of Port of Fernandina, Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County (2017-2019)Former Executive Director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board (2014-2019)
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maritime Port Executive, International Association of Maritime and Port Executives (2018)Florida Licensed Real Estate Broker (2002)Bachelor of Science, Human Resource Management and Business Administration and Management, University of Florida (2001)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">15+
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide a unique perspective in terms of waterborne commerce and its intersection with and reliance on other transportation modesIn depth understanding of infrastructure needs and challenges in the economic development space as I was responsible for over half a billion dollars of recruitment and expansion projects encompassing manufacturing, corporate headquarters, healthcare, and logistics while with the Nassau County Economic Development Board and Port of Fernandina, Ocean Highway and Port Authority

Aubrey Brown



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Industrial Development Manager
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seasoned Business Development professional with 14 years of executive experience in the transportation industry and extensive experience working with business leaders, site consultants, government officials and other involved parties to identify and evaluate prime locations for new industry projects. Innovative problem solver and excellent communicator adept in delivering superior customer service and able to execute detailed plans in a constantly changing environment. Contract negotiation and project management skills as well as public speaking, business writing and community relations experience.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">B Proc (South Africa)MBA (University of Phoenix)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">15 years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team player and people leader driving all management aspects of working with customers in 2020 to announce 11 new or expanded facilities to be located on the company's rail network or connecting short lines. These new projects represent \$22.5 million in incremental revenue for the company. Responsible for generating more than 136,000 new annual carloads for CSX in the last 10 years representing in excess of \$100 million in revenue.

William E. Crowe, P.E., PPM



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vice President, Engineering, Construction and Facilities
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Crowe is a 24-year veteran of construction management and marine/port development with a breadth of experience in deep-water cruise and cargo port operations. He is responsible for Capital Budget strategic planning; infrastructure assessments and long-range planning for all Port Canaveral facilities.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">University of Kansas, 1997 – BSCEFlorida Tech, 2007 – Ocean Engineering Graduate CourseworkUniversity of North Florida, Currently Enrolled – MsM
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 years – direct port terminal or port authority experience
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I have worked in Port of Houston, Port Miami and Port Canaveral and bring a solid balance of cruise, container and liquid bulk deep-water Port experience to the team.

Sam Pearson



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Florida Feeder Division Manager
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current responsibilities include overseeing the Florida UPS network for tractor trailer drivers servicing Central and North Florida.UPS Driver, Dispatch manager, Scheduler, Industrial Engineer, Driver Trainer, Manager, Division Manager
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BA in Communication with VSU
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">29 years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">My roles at UPS have allowed me to see things from multiple perspectives

Lauren Farrell



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning & Development Project Manager at Space Florida
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statewide Spaceport Planning & Development• District Aviation Planning & Development• Economic Development, Municipal• Creative Development, Branding, Marketing
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelors in Business Administration• Full Stack Developer• iPEC Certified Professional Coach, Energy Leadership
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14+, with 8 in public service/transportation
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My expertise in developing and executing innovative and strategic government programs paired with my creative vision and leadership.

Carol L. Obermeier



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director, Air Service Development
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have be at RSW for 25 years. Started my career at RSW in Operations and moved into ASD in 2000. Instrumental in bringing in new international service from Germany and over 30 new routes since my start in ASD at RSW. Although most of our cargo is with FedEx and UPS we do get a lot of belly freight.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BS in Marketing, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 Years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My knowledge of air service and ideas I can offer to the group and the challenges we have had to increase the cargo footprint at RSW.

John J. Abrams



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Coast Fulfillment Zone Manager
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate in person and virtual meetings involving fleet Owners, CEOs, EVPs, and Directors of Maintenance to discuss enhanced services and financial bundle programs• Design and implement supply and service plans to fulfill all fleet needs• Liaison of 28 east coast states for 200+ operation facilities and 3,000+ fleets• Directly supervise 6 Fulfillment Managers and 3 Distribution Center drivers
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chattanooga State Community College
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8+ Years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocating private sector critical issues involving fuel, tires, light mechanical repairs, preventive maintenance, hospitality, and CVSA compliance• Enhancing proactive and effective communication between fleets and operations• Minimizing supply chain costs through strategic planning and problem-solving including ERS events and fleet uptime

Veteran Members

Robert Midgett



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Walmart Divisional International Transportation Operations Manager
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">30 years experience in Transportation Logistics field in all aspects of Transportation modes.SME in Export Transportation logistics.Oversight of container shipments over 14,000 containers annuallyOversight of Transportation/Container shipping budget over \$350 million.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BA in Political Science from University of Central FloridaTransportation Logistics certification (CTL)Graduate of UNF Executive Development Leadership program
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">25 +years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">My leadership and transportation planning expertise in logistics provide the “Best” possible transportation solutions for our vendors and customers while exceeding their expectations and driving costs down to for all parties.

Tori Rumenik



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commodity Services and Supply Chain Manager
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.5 years working with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable AssociationFocused on transportation issues related to all facets of efficiently and safely moving perishable produce itemsSpecific focus on hours of service issues and defining agricultural commodities in the past two yearsPast experience in strategic consulting for agribusinesses
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MS in Food and Resource Economics, University of FloridaBS in Economics and Public Relations, Florida State University
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.5 years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Represent the interests of perishable produce growers and shippers in Florida

John Dohm



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Consultant President, Florida Transatlantic Holdings, LLC (dba Florida Transatlantic Consulting), Licensed Florida Real Estate Broker
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) Master Plan (Ricondo) PortMiami Tunnel Freight Evaluation Study (CTS, Bermello Ajamil) Medley, Miami Gardens, Hialeah and Miami River Freight Evaluation Studies (CTS Engineering, PE Inc, TranSystems, and Atkins) Port Everglades FTZ-25 Relocation (AECOM) South Florida Commuter Services Study 2015-16 Chairman of the Board, Miami Association of Realtors (55k members) Past State President, Florida Chapter of Society of Industrial & Office Realtors) Board Member CCIM, ULI, NAIOP, CIASF, Florida Realtors, NAR FTAC (Freight Transportation Advisory Comm.) Miami-Dade TPO FTAC of the Broward County MPO FTP – SIS ACES Subcommittee
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIOR (Society of Industrial & Office Realtors) CCIM (Certified Commercial Institute Member) University of Miami (BA), Stetson University, University of West Florida CFP (Certified Financial Planner)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35+ years in commercial real estate
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing real estate expertise including site selection, evaluation, development and planning as a volunteer to public agencies and trade groups throughout Florida. Participation on multiple committees of the airports, seaports, economic development organizations and all major real estate trade organizations of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties including regular meetings and trade missions. Assembling teams to provide for public outreach and to evaluate the impact of proposed infrastructure improvements, developments and projects to residents and area businesses in light of current needs and future plans.

Joe Arbona



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant VP of Government Affairs, Genesee Wyoming Railroad
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy and public, private partnerships for the freight rail industry, including Union Pacific Railroad, the largest Class I railroad in the U.S., and at Genesee & Wyoming, the largest holding company of short line railroads in the World.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Public Relations; University of Oklahoma
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengths include providing strategic public relations and communications counsel and executing plans to promote company initiatives and achieving aggressive goals.

Bruce Lyon



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President, Winter Haven Economic Development Council
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Experience in Community, Urban, and Industrial Economic Development• Growth, Redevelopment and Economic Repositioning• Finance, Market Analysis, Industrial/Logistics, Housing, Technology, Planning, Community Development
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BBA, Finance and Real Estate – University of Memphis• MBA – College of William & Mary
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22+ years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My vision, leadership and innovation in economic development provides opportunity to smartly balance community and industry needs to achieve sustained economic growth across geographies, demographics and industry sectors to achieve greater economic investment, prosperity and resiliency.

Mike Rubin



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Florida Ports Council• Assistant Secretary, Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manages \$25 million FSTED program that invests in port transportation or port facilities projects• Contributes over 20 years of experience in the creation and development of state economic development and international trade policy – including the creation of Enterprise Florida, international export promotion programs, and seaport development financing legislation• Staff at the Florida House of Representatives for approximately 10 years, serving as staff director and staff attorney for the House Commerce and Economic Development Committees
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs• Juris Doctorate
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25+ years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My leadership, knowledge, and experience with both state and federal legislative process, as well as state and federal seaport and freight mobility programs will provide the Committee with additional insight on these areas.

Gregory Stuart



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Director Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization• Staff Directors' Advisory Committee Chair (MPOAC)• Freight Committee Chair (MPOAC)
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation and Land Use Planning (Both Private and Public Sector)• Private sector experience in component manufacturing and logistics• Secured Federal appropriations for major transportation projects• Modified state rules to facilitate traffic mitigation and helped stimulated redevelopment efforts in Southeast Florida.• AMPO Board of Directors• NARC Executive Directors Council• Chair Fort Lauderdale's Transportation Management Agency• MPOAC Chair of Staff of Directors
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BA Urban Studies/ Affairs, University of Pittsburgh• MPA, Florida State University• American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28+ Years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under my leadership the Florida MPOAC Freight Committee was created to foster and support sound freight planning and freight initiatives including the Freight Prioritization Program (FPP) to identify and promote high priority freight projects within the planning boundaries of Florida's MPOs for consideration in FDOT's 5-Year Work Program.

Seckin (Sechkin) Ozkul



Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operations and Supply Chain Management Faculty (University of South Florida)
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovative logistics, operations, freight planning and transportation research experience of 12+ years (Combined in academia and consulting)• Extensive research development and execution experience on National (NCHRP and Other Federal Projects), State (FDOT) and Local (FDOT District 7 and City of Tampa) projects• Professional Engineer (FL) with 12+ years of experience in Transportation Engineering
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering (Freight Transportation)• MS in Marketing with Supply Chain Management Concentration• Master of Civil Engineering (Transportation Engineering)• BS in Civil Engineering (Transportation Focus)• 2016 FDOT Trade and Logistics Academy Graduate
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12+ years
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My freight planning, logistics, and operations management expertise offer direction in the optimization of Florida's freight initiatives so that the ROI can be maximized for all stakeholders.