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## **GOVERNOR BUSH APPOINTS TWENTY-ONE TO THE WORKFORCE FLORIDA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

TALLAHASSEE -- Governor Jeb Bush today announced the following appointments and reappointments:

### **Workforce Florida, Inc. Board of Directors** *(Senate confirmation required)*

- Gerald "Jerry" Agresti, 61, of Green Cove Springs, president of Developers Realty Group, reappointed for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Floyd "Russ" Sloan, 66, of Sun City Center, president of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, reappointed for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Sharon Watley, 41, of Panama City, president of General Scientific Manufacturing, reappointed for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Robert Swenk, 57, of Panama City, financial consultant with A.G. Edwards and Sons, reappointed for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Armando Rodriguez-Roig, 32, of Miami, broker with HomeTrust Realty, Inc., reappointed for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Barbara Manzi, 60, of Brooksville, president of Manzi Metals, Inc., reappointed for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Tramm Hudson, 52, of Sarasota, banker with RBC Centura Bank, succeeding Ray Gilley, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Peter T. Panousis, 64, of Orlando, director of the Institute for Economic Competitiveness at the University of Central Florida, succeeding James Apthorp, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Nicole S. Pfister, 34, of Pensacola, employed by Gulf Power Company, succeeding Leona Bohlmann, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.

- Walter W. Manley, 57, of Tallahassee, professor and investor, succeeding Linda Cooke, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Eric W. Robinson, 36, of Venice, owner of Eric Robinson, CPA, succeeding Carolyn Franz, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Craig B. Palmer, 50, of Niceville, director of business development for Alpha Data Corporation, succeeding Samid Rashid, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Linda Landman Gonzalez, 54, of Orlando, director of diversity and community affairs for Darden Restaurants, succeeding Judith Flynn, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Katherine Wilson, 58, of Jacksonville, vice president of CSX, succeeding J. Brian Murphy, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Beatrice B. Battistoni, 57, of Safety Harbor, vice president and COO of Labor Line, Inc., succeeding William Mayville, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Belinda Keiser, 46, of Fort Lauderdale, vice chancellor of community development for Keiser College, succeeding Cecil Kidd, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Alberta L. Hipps, 61, of Jacksonville, consultant with the Hipps Group, Inc., former Duval County Commissioner, succeeding Sallie Parks, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- James I. Baiardi, of Miami, president of state correctional officers for the Police Benevolent Association, succeeding David Murrell, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- George P. Sucarichi, 48, of Lutz, fire captain with Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue and owner of Safetel, Inc., succeeding Maryiln Lenard for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Daniel S. Parker, 52, of Deland, general organizer for Iron Workers International, succeeding John B. Clark, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.
- Mary Lou Brunell, 54, of Apopka, executive director of the Florida Center for Nursing, succeeding Michael Nilsson, for a term beginning February 18, 2005 and ending July 6, 2006.

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