

Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Board Reorganizes

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TAMPA, Fla. (August 5, 1999) - - In July 1999, Florida Governor Jeb Bush appointed Real Estate Developer, Alfred S. Austin, to serve on the five-member board of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) which operates Tampa International Airport and three general aviation airports in Hillsborough County.

By Mr. Austin's appointment and in accordance with the provisions of the Aviation Authority's Policy, it was necessary for the Authority to reconstitute itself and elect new officers.

Attorney W. Crosby Few was reelected Chairman; Attorney Stella F. Thayer was elected Vice Chairman; Alfred S. Austin was elected to the position of Secretary; County Commissioner Chris Hart continues as Treasurer and Mayor Dick A. Greco retains the position of Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Austin owns and manages several buildings and hotels throughout the state of Florida. He has been referred to as the Pioneer Developer of the Westshore Business District in Tampa.

He is the past Chapter Chairman of Hillsborough County Red Cross and Past President of Hillsborough Easter Seal Society and American Heart Association. He is a member and Trustee of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and previously served on the Board of Governors. He also served as Chairman of the MacDill Response Team, which was responsible for keeping the MacDill Air Force Base from closing.

In 1995, Mr. Austin was awarded the "Vision Award" from the Florida Council on Economic Education and in 1996, he received an honorary induction into "Sigma Beta Delta" from The University of Tampa.

The Aviation Authority's Board includes three members who are appointed by the Governor of Florida and serve four-year terms on a staggered two-year basis. The other two are members by virtue of being in a public office; the Mayor of the city of Tampa and a member of the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners.

The Board oversees policies and procedures for the operations at Tampa International Airport, Peter O. Knight Airport, Plant City Airport and Vandenberg Airport.

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