



Stephen J. Mitchell *Chairman*  
Ken Anthony *Vice Chairman*  
Alfred S. Austin *Secretary*  
Hillsborough County Commissioner Thomas Scott *Treasurer*  
City of Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio *Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer*

*For Information*  
Brenda S. Geoghagan *Director of Public Information and Community Relations*  
813-870-8707

---

## NEWS RELEASE

### Stephen J. Mitchell Named Airport Chairman

TAMPA, Fla. (August 12, 2005) -- Tampa International Airport is pleased to announce that Stephen J. Mitchell, partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., has been elected as Chairman of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. Mr. Mitchell has served as Vice Chairman since July 2001.

“We are fortunate to have such an outstanding member of the Tampa Bay business community,” stated Louis E. Miller, Executive Director of the Tampa International Airport. “Steve brings his wealth of experience as a lawyer, as well as strong ties and dedication to our community. In addition, he is an active member of the Airports Council International – North America Commissioners Steering Committee where he has learned a lot about the aviation industry and has been able to share his expertise with all of the Commissioners that oversee operations of the airports in North America.”

Mr. Mitchell centers his practice on real estate development and finance, commercial real estate, the hospitality industry, international law and administrative and regulatory law. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, as well as in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers 2005*. He was also named in *Florida Trend* magazine among the 2005 Florida Legal Elite in the area of real estate transactions and eminent domain.

In addition to being appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Aviation Authority Board, the governor appointed Mitchell to serve on Florida’s 2020 Energy Commission. Mr. Mitchell is also the chair of the Central Florida Technology Transit Corridor Consortium, Inc.

Gubernatorial appointments occur at two-year intervals, and at these times the Aviation Authority Board reorganizes, electing officers for the ensuing two years. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Stephen J. Mitchell; Vice Chairman, Ken Anthony, Ken Anthony Insurance Agency, Inc., State Farm Insurance Co.; Secretary, Alfred S. Austin, Austin Companies, Real Estate Developer; Treasurer, Hillsborough County Commissioner Thomas Scott and Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio.

-more-



Louis E. Miller *Executive Director*

Tampa International Airport P.O. Box 22287 Tampa, Florida 33622 phone 813-870-8700 fax 813-875-6670 www.TampaAirport.com  
Peter O. Knight Airport Plant City Airport Vandenberg Airport

News Release  
August 12, 2005  
Page Two

For decades Tampa International Airport has performed as an integral component of the Tampa Bay community offering nonstop air service to over 70 cities and easy connections to every major city in the world. Growing at more than twice the national average over the past three years, Tampa International Airport's passenger growth continues to break records. In 2004, the Airport carried 17.4 million passengers, an increase of over 12 percent compared to 2003. During the first six months of 2005, more than 10 million passengers have flown through the Airport which represents an 11 percent increase over 2004.

###