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LeadingAge Florida Announces Newly Elected Board of Trustees

Tallahassee – LeadingAge Florida, Florida's only association representing the entire continuum of care for older adults, is proud to announce the election of its new Board of Trustees and the installation of its new Board Chair.

Garry Hennis, Chief Operating Officer for Westminster Communities of Florida, took over as the association's Board Chair during LeadingAge Florida's 60th Annual Convention and Exposition in Orlando last week. Mr. Hennis succeeds Bruce Jones, CEO of Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach, whose leadership has been instrumental in guiding LeadingAge Florida through a transformative period of growth and advocacy.

"I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bruce for his leadership, and we are delighted to welcome Garry Hennis as our new Board Chair," said Steve Bahmer, LeadingAge Florida President & CEO. "Garry's vision, combined with his extensive knowledge of the aging services field, will strengthen our organization's impact in promoting quality aging services and enhancing the lives of seniors across Florida."

The newly elected Board of Trustees includes leaders from various senior living organizations, bringing a diverse range of experiences and skills to the Board. For the first time, the Board will also have a member from Alabama to represent the association's Alabama members.

The members of the newly constituted Board of Trustees are as follows:

Officers:

- Chair: Garry Hennis, COO, Westminster Communities of Florida
- Chair-elect: Teresa Scott, President & CEO, Penney Retirement Community
- Immediate Past Chair: Bruce Jones, CEO, Vicar's Landing
- Secretary: Janet Stringfellow, President & CEO, Volunteers of America of Florida
- Treasurer: Steve Kramer, President & CEO, The Mayflower Retirement Community
- Affordable Housing Public Policy Chair: Christopher Tomlin, President & CEO, Methodist Homes of Alabama & Northwest Florida
- Assisted Living/HCBS Public Policy Chair: Brooke McLean, President & CEO, Air Force Enlisted Village
- CCRC Public Policy Chair: Scott Cairns, Regional Vice President of Operations, Westminster Communities of Florida
- Nursing Home Public Policy Chair: Mauri Mizrahi, CEO, River Garden Senior Services

Trustees:

- Rachel Blumberg, President & CEO, Sinai Residences

Garry Hennis, Board Chair
Steve Bahmer, President/CEO

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- Erelyn Hicks, Executive Director, Indian River Estates
- Alex Maliwacki, Health Services Administrator, Sunnyside Village
- Scott Moore, President, Quadrum Senior Living
- Ty Morgan, Executive Director, Cypress Village
- Rick Oros, Vice President of Health Care Operations, Life Space Communities
- Terry Rogers, President & CEO, Westminster Communities of Florida
- Angela Roher, Executive Director, Freedom Plaza of Sun City Center
- Jay Solomon, President & CEO, Aviva Senior Living
- Jennifer Stevens, Director at the Woodlands at John Knox Village

"We are thrilled to welcome our newly elected Board of Trustees," Bahmer said. "Each member brings a wealth of knowledge and a strong commitment to improving the lives of seniors in our state. Together, we will work toward our shared vision of creating a Florida where every older adult has access to a robust portfolio of high-quality senior living options."

As the elected leaders of LeadingAge Florida, the Board of Trustees will play a crucial role in shaping the association's strategic initiatives, collaborating with policymakers, and addressing the evolving needs of seniors and senior care providers in the state.



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continuum of care for seniors. The Association provides up-to-date regulatory information, a wide variety of educational opportunities, representation before the Legislature and government agencies, group purchasing services, and opportunities for networking with peers to help member communities best serve the needs of Florida's senior population.

