

1. What are your qualifications for this elected position?

I am a 30-year veteran of the commercial aviation industry, having worked at carriers including Delta Air Lines, Swissair and Caribbean Sun/Star Airlines. I have worked with many other airlines and airports on six continents in finance, technology, operations and strategic planning capacities. Notable for this election, I was a member of Delta's senior team running the largest airport in the world, ATL. Also relevant to this election is my experience in sitting 'on the other side of the table' as airlines make their case for scheduled service. I have served on multiple Boards of Directors, as a senior executive in several aviation-related businesses, and as a United States Naval Reserve Officer. I believe I possess the requisite experience, executive bearing and commercial skills to serve our community as a Board Member.

2. If elected, what are your goals for this office and what would you like to achieve in this position?

First and foremost, the Board and airport management must continue the decade-long stretch of staying OFF TAX ROLLS. Second, the aviation/industrial complex must be grown in ways balancing economic reward with environmental, general aviation and community concerns. In this regard the Airport Master Plan is a strong rudder, and the Board needs to hold management accountable for delivering against it. Lastly, the people of St. Johns county deserve sustainable commercial air service. Let's do it right this time. The facility has been readied, and further parking/access improvements are planned. Our air service needs to be characterized by higher frequencies, smaller aircraft, and codeshares for multiple network carriers. I believe I am the right St. Johns County citizen to design and advocate on your behalf.

3. What is your vision for the County?

Our airport is the primary economic engine of our community, and it needs to evolve in alignment with the growth of St. Johns County. It is a tremendous source of jobs and visitor spending, with potential for much more. Other airports of similar size are struggling mightily in these unsteady times, and the costs for fiscal irresponsibility have never been greater for local citizens. The case for new scheduled service ever been more difficult to make. The need for executive leadership is urgent and heightened.

4. What is your educational background?

I graduated with High Honors from Georgia Tech with a BS in Industrial Management and a minor in Economics. I later received my MBA from Georgia State University, specializing in Economics. I earned both degrees while working full time, graduating on time in both instances. I also had the pleasure of teaching Economics as an adjunct professor in Economics.