



Nearly 100% attendance was achieved at the inaugural combined leadership meeting

Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation's inaugural combined leadership meeting set the tone for the EDC's aggressive agenda to reverse recent local high unemployment trends.

EDC Chair **Rhea Law**, CEO and Chair, Board of Directors, Fowler White Boggs, welcomed **Governor Rick Scott** as he joined the EDC's Executive Committee and newly formed Board of Directors to discuss his 7-7-7 Plan for economic recovery. Following his remarks, leadership engaged in a lively Q&A session with the Governor about a variety of topics that ranged from incentives to trade.



Governor Rick Scott

Outgoing two-term City of Tampa **Mayor Pam Iorio** was presented three Tampa Riverwalk pavers to commemorate her visionary successes and hometown pride. Mayor Iorio was pleased to introduce **Mayor-elect Bob Buckhorn**, whose enthusiasm and commitment to work closely with the EDC continued the meeting's upbeat tenor.

Mayor Iorio listens intently as EDC Chair Rhea Law presents her with Tampa Riverwalk pavers commemorating the Mayor's commitment to the EDC



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Keith Norden

Chair  
Rhea Law

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Bob Buckhorn

Following informative presentations by **Dr. Stephen Klasko**, Senior Vice President for USF Health and Dean, USF College of Medicine on the CAMLS project, and by International Trade Task Force Co-Chairs **Charlotte Starfire** (Director, Global Trade Solutions, SunTrust Bank) and **Jim Pyburn** (Director of Trade Development, Port of Tampa) and Foreign Direct Investment Chair **Andrew McIntosh** (Shareholder, Fowler White Boggs and Honorary Consul for Canada), the room celebrated Strategic Campaign consultant and President of KMK Consulting **Jim McGraw's** announcement that the EDC's private sector investment now exceeds public sector funding, a goal that was established early in the formation of the new organization.

**Doug Pace**, Executive Vice President & COO of Bayshore Solutions, unveiled the EDC's plans to develop an interactive commercial real estate data base and also reviewed work in progress for a Tampa mobile app.

**Bob Abberger**, 2011 EDC Business Collaborative Task Force chair and senior managing director with Trammell Crow Company, explained his vision to strengthen collaboration among various local governmental entities with respect to land inventory, land use/entitlement/permitting; impact fees, incentives and sustainability. Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners Chair **Al Higginbotham**, City of Tampa Mayor-elect **Bob Buckhorn**, Plant City Mayor **Daniel Raulerson** and Temple Terrace Mayor **Joe Affronti, Sr.** will be invited to serve on the Task Force. Input and guidance from selective EDC Target Industry Task Force Chairs will be solicited subject to action items.

Rounding out the meeting, invitations to serve on strategic target task forces and attend the EDC's upcoming April 20<sup>th</sup> Investor Event (*please [click here](#) for details*) made way for spontaneous peer-to-peer interaction on issues relevant to all.

Progress is being achieved! Your strong attendance and interest are appreciated. Thank you.

Best regards,

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President and CEO  
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