



# 2019 Board Slate for Approval



## Jim Barfield - Luke and Associates

Jim Barfield served as the District 2 Brevard County Commissioner from November 2014- November 2018, and served as Chairman from 2015 to 2016. Professionally, Jim is President & CEO of Luke & Associates, headquartered in Rockledge, Florida. Luke & Associates provides medical personnel for military medical treatment facilities worldwide in non-combat zones. It provides direct medical care to our troops and their families. In 2010, Inc Magazine selected Luke as the #3 Fastest Growing Company in the U.S. In 2012, Luke was selected as #22 of the 100 top job-creating companies in the United States. In addition, Jim was selected by Space Coast Business Magazine as the 2010 Business Leader of the Year.

Jim serves on the following boards: Economic Development Commission (EDC), and Junior Achievement of the Space Coast (JASC), CivMil, and Brevard Zoo Committee.

Jim has previously served on the Board of Adjustment, Arts in Public Places, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), Extension Advisory Council, Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors (FAC), Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), Growth Management Agriculture & Environment Committee (GMAE), Tourism Development Council (TDC), Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Value Adjustment Board, Indian River Lagoon Council (Alternate), Election Canvassing Board, Congress of Regional Leaders, KLD Kids, LEAD Brevard, Space Coast Volunteers in Medicine and founding member, Jess Parrish Foundation, and Horizon Point Church.

Jim has been a resident of Brevard County since 1962 and is a graduate of Rockledge High School. Jim earned a Masters of Public Health, Health Policy and Management degree from the University of South Florida and a B.S. in Environmental Health degree from East Tennessee State University. Jim met his wife of 37 years while attending East Tennessee State University. Together Jim and Darleen have two sons, Carter and Gordon along with five grandchildren.



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## Myron Fortson - United Launch Alliance

Myron Fortson is director, Program Management for United Launch Alliance (ULA). In this role, he leads the management and execution of all launch service programs for ULA's government and commercial customers. Fortson previously served as the director of Mission Management and the director of Operations Engineering.

Prior to joining ULA, Fortson had a distinguished Air Force career, retiring as a colonel in 2013 following 26 years of service. While serving in the military, Fortson held a variety of assignments in engineering, operations, and acquisition and staff units. He began as an intercontinental ballistic missile trajectory engineer at Strategic Air Command in Omaha in 1987. In 1991, Fortson served at the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) as a Space Test Program mission planner and spacecraft project engineer. In 1996, he was assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) as a deputy director of engineering for satellite operations and a spacecraft and launch program manager for a joint space-based radar program. Fortson moved to the Pentagon in 2001 as a satellite control network program element monitor on Headquarters Air Force staff. Following this assignment, he returned to the SMC as the counterspace systems chief engineer and executive officer for the three-star commander. In 2005, Fortson served as the operation officer and commander of the 1st Space Launch Squadron for the Delta II launch system at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. He also served as deputy commander for the 45<sup>th</sup> Operations Group conducting range operations. Fortson held another short tour back at the NRO in 2009 on the director's staff before returning to SMC as the chief of Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) Engineering and Operations for Atlas V and Delta IV launch systems in 2010.

Fortson received his Bachelor of Science degree in astronautical engineering from the Air Force Academy in 1987 and a Master of Business Administration from Chapman University in 1995.



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## Cathy Grainger - Florida Air Tours

Cathy Grainger is the Co-Owner of Florida Air Tours/Coca Beach Helicopters in Cocoa Beach, a local sightseeing tour agency that offers Vintage WWII Biplane flights and Helicopter tours over the Space Coast and Cocoa Beach. Cathy most recently served as a VP on the Space Coast Tennis Leagues' Board of Directors, and as Tennis Coach for the Special Olympics of Brevard. She holds a BA from George Mason University. She enjoys volunteering in her community and sports programs at Cocoa Beach High, working as a business partner to Cape View Elementary, and raising her two sons, Kevin and Brian.



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## Cordelle Rolle - Brevard Family Partnership

Cordell Rolle, a Tech Professional who has lived most of his life in Brevard County graduating from Merritt Island High School before serving in the US Navy. He is a UCF alumni who has served in numerous advisory positions within government and community organizations. He is an advocate for civil engagement and a member of the CBRCC Government Affairs Committee.



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## Tony Sasso - Keep Brevard Beautiful

Executive Director of KBB and an active member in our community. In this role, he has tripled budget, personnel and program capacity. Created new programs for KBB and introduced them to Keep America Beautiful affiliates, including: Lagoon Friendly Lawns (nutrient runoff reduction) and Litter Quitter (single-use plastic reduction). KBB has been rated one of the Top 5 Keep America Beautiful affiliates in the country (out of 1,400) for the last seven years.

Involved in state and local government as elected official, citizen advocate and consultant. Experienced labor leader, informed in maritime industry and port security matters and featured speaker USSOUTHCOM. Advisory role with community and municipal sustainability and environmental organizations. Recognized for outstanding leadership by Florida Association of Counties, Florida Education Association, Florida League of Conservation Voters, and Marine Resources Council. Recognized as White House Champion of Change in 2009. Facilitate accountability and innovation through public/private partnerships. Committed to local community projects and improvement through Boy Scouts of America and arts, cultural, and environmental endeavors. Married to Athena for 35 years with two adult sons, both Eagle Scouts.



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## Theresa Zide - Manatee Promotions

Theresa Zide is the owner of Manatee Promotions, LLC and has been providing Advertising Specialties and Marketing Solutions to businesses and nonprofits in Brevard County for over 10 years. She has been a member of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce for over 19 years, during that time she has been actively involved in many aspects. She served on the Chamber Board of Directors (2007-2009); Better Business Development Council Chair (2009) and Board Member; SpringFest (formerly SeaFest) Beverage Coordinator (8 years); Committee/Council Member Mega-Market Place, CVB, CBRCC Annual Golf Tournament, & Chowder Cook-Off; A Proud Presidents Club Member (2009). She volunteers for the Children's Hunger Project and for the United Way and has been the logistics coordinator for Fiesta Brevard for 2017 and 2018. She has been a resident of Brevard County for 24 years and has 3 terrific kids.

