



FLORIDA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

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FLORIDA BANKERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2006-07 BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Tallahassee – Florida Bankers Association (FBA) president and chief executive officer Alex Sanchez has announced the association's board of directors for 2006-07. The board, previously ratified by membership, was announced during the FBA's Annual Convention in Colorado Springs, Colo. earlier this month.

"The commitment and dedication of the member banks and bankers of the FBA to the banking industry is reflected in the men and women chosen to serve on the board of directors," said Sanchez. "The FBA directors work closely with elected officials, regulators and policy-makers to ensure the safety and soundness of the financial services industry."

The FBA Board of Directors is responsible for setting policy and overseeing the general operation of the association. FBA board members are required to:

- Attend quarterly board meetings and significant FBA functions;
- Assist in the Chairman's Nominating Committee, when appropriate;
- Take part in Washington, D.C. fly-ins to meet with congressional leaders and federal regulators;
- Respond to FBA Calls to Action;
- Help sustain the Florida Bankers Educational Foundation;
- Support the FBA Trust Division and other educational programs; and
- Consider the list of BancServ Endorsed Vendors when making product selections for the institutions they represent.

Bankers are nominated by their peers to serve on the board and are selected based upon their service to the association, community involvement and geographic location. Seats on the board are available in staggered terms.

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Members of the 2006-07 FBA Board of Directors are listed below.

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Orlando, FL

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Mr. Richard Lee
President and CEO
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Oviedo, FL

Mr. Robert L. Brookes Jr.
President and CEO
Eagle National Bank of Miami
Miami, FL

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Mr. Jerry Williams
Chairman, President and CEO
Orion Bank
Naples, FL

**Florida Bankers Educational
Foundation Chairman**

Ms. Susanne Capodanno
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Mercantile Bank
Jacksonville, FL

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Valrico, FL

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