



Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners Elect Chairman Blair J. Ciklin

Riviera Beach, FL - On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners elected its new Chairman, Blair J. Ciklin, the longest serving Port Commissioner in the United States having completed his 38th year as a Port of Palm Beach District Commissioner in 2016.

Since joining the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners in 1977, as its youngest member, Ciklin has helped to guide the Port through many years of landmark growth and change. With a strong focus on fiscal responsibility, Ciklin's proven record of success has always targeted new expanded revenue while curtailing Port expenditures.

"The year ahead is filled with endless possibility and potential and I look forward to serving as Chair during this time of international outreach and growth," said Chairman Ciklin. "As cited in a recent report by the *Journal of Commerce*, the Port of Palm Beach is well positioned as the second fastest-growing export port in the nation to engage in new business opportunities that will arise both internationally and locally."

Chairman Ciklin is the first vice president of Morgan Stanley and brings to the Board his broad-based knowledge and experience in investment banking and financial management. Joining him on the dais in 2017 will be Wayne M. Richards, who along with Dr. Jean L. Enright and Katherine M. Waldron, were all sworn-in for four-year terms during the January 3, 2017 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Waldron, the newest Board member, has over 30 years of business experience in the private sector as well as a long history of community and public service. Rounding out the officers for 2017 are Vice Chair Jean L. Enright and Secretary-Treasurer Peyton W. McArthur.

About Port of Palm Beach - Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the port's efficiency is unparalleled – Port of Palm Beach processes over \$7 billion in commodities, over 2 million tons of cargoes and more than 480,000 cruise passengers annually. More than 2,850 people are employed by the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants, making it one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, it is one of the largest economic engines in South Florida.