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Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners Reelect Blair Ciklin as Chairman of the Board



RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. — The Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners has reelected Commissioner Blair Ciklin as Chairman of the Board, reaffirming its confidence in his long-standing leadership and vision for the port’s continued growth and success.

Chairman Ciklin is the longest-serving commissioner on the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners. He has played a pivotal role in guiding the port through a period of significant business expansion and financial strength.

“It’s exciting to see the new businesses that have come to the Port of Palm Beach and the strong financial growth we’ve achieved over the past several years,” said Chairman Ciklin. “I look forward to continuing to lead the board as we focus on responsible growth, strengthening our partnerships, and generating revenue that supports the port and our tenants.”

The Port of Palm Beach is proud to be financially self-sustaining, operating without the use of taxpayer dollars from district residents since 1975. The port’s business model continues to prioritize reinvestment, operational efficiency, and long-term economic value for tenants and the region.

In addition to Chairman Ciklin’s reelection, the board also elected the following officers for 2026:

- Commissioner Dr. Deandre Poole, reelected as Vice Chairman
- Commissioner Varisa Lall Dass, newly elected as Secretary/Treasurer

The Board also includes Commissioner Wayne Richards. The board currently has one vacant seat representing Group 3.

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About Port of Palm Beach

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 165 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$14 billion in commodities, 2.8 million tons of cargo, and 383,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 3,800 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. The Port of Palm Beach District has not levied property taxes since 1975. For more information, visit www.portofpalmbeach.com.

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