2026-2027 Florida Council on Aging

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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President: Erin McLeod, Sarasota

Erin McLeod is President & CEO of Senior Friendship Centers, Inc. (SFC), a regional nonprofit in SW Florida with a $22 million annual budget that has served seniors, families, and caregivers since 1973. She joined the organization in 2004 and has served in several roles prior to being appointed President & CEO in January 2016. McLeod earned her degree in public relations from the University of Florida, and has completed certificate work in nonprofit management, fundraising, strategic planning, and board governance. Her career experience includes consulting, healthcare, hospitality, and nonprofit, for the last 22 years focused solely on all things aging. She is an active community member and currently serves as President of the Florida Council on Aging, past board chair for HCA Doctor's Hospital of Sarasota, a board member of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, the Sarasota Women's Alliance, and past president of the Central West Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. She is an active member of the Aging Society of America, the National Council on Aging, and the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, Meals on Wheels Florida, Meals on Wheels of America, and long-time parishioner and volunteer at Church of the Redeemer. McLeod grew up in central Florida and has lived in Sarasota since 1983. She is a passionate advocate for older adults, working to end ageism and optimizing our communities for all ages.

President-Elect: Carlos Martinez, CPA, Miami

Carlos L. Martinez serves as President and CEO of United HomeCare, a home health and community care organization and a designated Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Lead Agency for Miami-Dade County. United HomeCare has been committed to serving older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers across Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties for more than 52 years. Martinez is a licensed CPA and member of the Texas Society of Public Accountants and has held key leadership roles in healthcare and aging services. He is a recognized leader in nonprofit management and healthcare leadership and a graduate of the Harvard Business School Leadership in Non-Profit Management Program and the Cornell University Executive Healthcare Leadership Program. He is also a distinguished alumnus of St. Thomas University and Miami Dade College. Martinez actively contributes to organizations that shape elder care policy and advocacy, including the Florida Council on Aging, Florida Association of Service Providers, Home Care Association of Florida, United Way Miami Older Adult Task Force, Miami-Dade State Attorney's Elder and Vulnerable Adults Workgroup, and Florida International University's President's Council.

Secretary: Kevin Kenney, MBA, Jacksonville, FL

Kevin Kenney currently serves as Vice President, Strategic Initiatives at Centene. He brings more than 25 years of experience in healthcare, with a focus on designing and implementing innovative

products and services that support vulnerable populations in managing their health, maintaining independence, and navigating the healthcare system more effectively. Kenney resides in Jacksonville, Florida, with his wife, Heather, and their two sons, Alec and Andrew. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Florida. In addition, he serves on the Board of Advisors for the University of Florida's Center for Supply Chain Management.

Treasurer: Donna Melogy, Fernandina Beach

Donna Melogy has dedicated her professional career to programs that serve older adults and individuals with disabilities, bringing more than 30 years of experience in long-term care and home and community-based services (HCBS). She currently serves as Associate Vice President of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) at CareSource, where she supports the Integrated Care program for Dual Eligible members across multiple markets. In this role, she focuses on advancing person-centered care, improving health outcomes, and strengthening care delivery models for individuals with complex healthcare and social support needs. Prior to joining CareSource, she spent twelve years in various leadership roles within the Long-Term Care (LTC) program at Sunshine Health, a Florida Medicaid health plan and wholly owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation. In her final role as Vice President of Case Management, she led the LTC case management and utilization management teams, overseeing a comprehensive care management program that served nearly 35,000 members and more than 700 team members. Before her time at Sunshine Health, Melogy spent more than 20 years with Aging True, a nonprofit organization in Jacksonville, Florida, dedicated to supporting home-based independence for seniors throughout Northeast Florida. During her tenure, she held a variety of leadership positions in finance and operations, culminating in her role as Chief Operations Officer. Throughout her career, Melogy has been committed to improving the quality of care and services for vulnerable populations through innovative program development, operational excellence, regulatory compliance, and strategic leadership. She holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Jacksonville University.

Immediate Past President: Jeff Johnson, St. Petersburg

Jeff Johnson is the State Director of AARP Florida. He joined the AARP team in 2000 and has served as the State Director since 2010. In this role, he leads a team of staff and volunteers across the state to empower Floridians aged 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. Johnson has been frequently recognized on lists of the most influential Floridians by outlets such as *Florida Politics*, *City & State*, and *Florida Trend*. A proud lifelong Floridian, he was raised in Jacksonville and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion from Wake Forest University and a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. Johnson is a member of Leadership Florida and the Immediate Past President of the Florida Council on Aging.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

District I Representative: Josh Newby, Pensacola

Josh Newby serves as the President/CEO for the Council on Aging of West Florida. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and a Master's Degree in Strategic Communication from the University of West Florida (UWF). In addition to administrating and supervising the staff and funded programs, he speaks and advocates on statewide issues that affect the elderly and agencies that serve senior citizens. Newby is a graduate of the Pensacola Chamber Foundation's Leadership Pensacola program and serves on the board of Five Flags Rotary and the Florida Public Relations Association. Newby was also named a 2019 Rising Star and a member of the Power List in 2022 - 2025.

District II Representative: Lisa L. Bretz, MSW, Tallahassee

Lisa L. Bretz, MSW, has dedicated her career to helping older adults across north Florida live independently, safely, and with dignity. As Executive Director of Advantage Aging Solutions—the designated Area Agency on Aging for North Florida—she oversees a comprehensive network of home- and community-based programs serving a fourteen-county area. In addition to her executive leadership, Bretz contributes her expertise to several statewide and regional boards, including the Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the Florida Council on Aging Board of Trustees, and the Southeastern Area Agencies on Aging. In these roles, she helps advance policy, advocacy, and resources that support older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers. With more than thirty years of experience in the nonprofit sector, Bretz is recognized for her collaborative leadership style, systems-level perspective, and commitment to strengthening community-based aging services. She holds both her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in social work from Florida State University.

District III Representative: Katina Mustipher, Gainesville

Katina Mustipher leads Elder Options, the Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging, as the Chief Executive Office. Elder Option is a non-profit agency whose mission is to assist older adults and the disability community to remain at home independently and deter nursing home placement as long as possible. As the CEO, Mustipher provides strategic vision and direction for the agency. Since joining Elder Options 29 years ago, she has been instrumental in establishing many of the organization’s core programs including the PEARLS, Care Transition, Caregiver Support, and Elder Abuse Education and Prevention Programs. Mustipher is a highly experienced, respected and successful leader with a passion for learning and innovation. She has always demonstrated a commitment to clients and dedication to providing quality services. Mustipher received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida and a Masters in Business Administration from Webster University. Most recently, she has been a fellow with the Florida Healthy Policy Leadership Academy, a partnership between UF and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.

District IV Representative: Sam Hall, MBA, Jacksonville

Sam Hall has held multiple leadership positions with Aging True during his 15 years of service. He has served as the Agency's Director of Human Resources and Chief Operations Officer. And became the Chief Executive Officer in 2026. A Jacksonville native, Hall began his professional career in the financial industry with Barnett Bank. Subsequently, he gained extensive non-profit experience with Jacksonville University and INROADS, Inc. After relocating to Detroit, Michigan, he led a multi-state regional Human Resources division for Cintas Corporation with responsibilities for Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada overseeing Recruiting, Labor Relations, and Training & Development. A graduate of Jacksonville University and devoted to the local community, Hall earned a Senior Human Resources certification, MBA, and a Bachelor's Degree in management from Jacksonville University. He has served on numerous non-profit boards and is a graduate of Leadership Detroit and Leadership Jacksonville.

District V Representative: Debra Silvers, Esq., CIPP/US, CHC, St. Petersburg

Debra Silvers is the Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel for G.A. Foods Services of Pinellas County where she has oversight of all legal, compliance, and regulatory matters, including the Contracting and Licensing Department. Silvers has more than 30 years of experience in Healthcare Compliance and Privacy with extensive experience working with state and federal regulatory agencies, such as CMS, the FDA, and OSHA. She also successfully led a Joint Commission Accreditation and Standards Homecare Program for more than 15 years. Silvers is experienced in drafting, negotiating, and managing healthcare contracts with Medicare Advantage and Managed Medicaid Plans. Silvers is certified in HealthCare Compliance and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional. She graduated from Millersville University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Western Michigan University, Thomas M. Cooley School of Law, Cum Laude with a Juris Doctorate specializing in administrative law. Silvers was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2017.

District VI Representative: Andrew Molosky, MBA, FACHE, Temple Terrace

Andrew Molosky is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Chapters Health System, a portfolio of more than 30 different companies and programs, including the nation's largest nonprofit hospice network, PACE, value-based care such as CareNu, managed services organizations, technology solutions, a Medicare Advantage plan, advanced illness offerings, consulting, and more. Additionally he serves as the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors for SECUR Health Plan - a leading Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan. Established in 1983 as a community-centered, nonprofit entity, Chapters Health has grown exponentially through its radical approach to healthcare, which leverages a one-of-a-kind system to support patients, families, and caregivers across the country, while remaining grounded in the mission of taking care of patients, or taking care of those who do. As a routinely engaged consultant, speaker, and mentor, Molosky models and leads innovation across multiple industries concurrently. He has served in executive leadership for more than 20 years, spanning an array of geographies and organizations, including publicly traded, privately held, and nonprofit entities. Molosky completed his undergraduate the University of Toledo and his Master

of Business Administration from the Ken Blanchard College of Business at Grand Canyon University, additionally holding his Fellowship from the American College of Healthcare Executives.

District VII Representative: Wendy Ford, MBA, Kissimmee

Wendy Coschignano-Ford is the President & CEO of the Osceola Council on Aging, where she directs more than 200 employees and over 30 social service-based programs with annual revenues nearing $20 million. Since becoming CEO in 2019, she has more than doubled the organization's revenue, secured long-term sustainability, and expanded its role as the leading social service provider in Osceola County. She is recognized for strategic vision and crisis management, including leadership through Hurricane Ian and COVID-19. Ford also serves on the Board of Directors of CareerSource Central Florida (and its Audit Committee) and the Florida Council on Aging, reflecting her deep commitment to governance, financial stewardship, and community service. She holds an MBA and Master's in Team Management from ENEB in Barcelona, Spain, a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Central Florida, and advanced HUD certifications.

District VIII Representative: Sue Berger, Sarasota

Sue Berger serves as the Aging System Coordinator for Sarasota County Government, where she leads the coordination and implementation of Sarasota's Age-Friendly Initiative. With more than 40 years of experience advocating for older adults, she is dedicated to creating communities where residents of all ages can live and age well. Berger is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, a Master Trainer for A Matter of Balance®, and holds a Behavioral Health in Aging Certificate from the Boston University School of Social Work. She serves as staff liaison to the Sarasota County Seniors Advisory Council, Vice Chair of the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida Board of Directors and was a founding member of the Sarasota Senior Advocacy Council. Her collaborative work includes partnerships with the Department of Health in Sarasota on the Community Health Improvement Plan and Age-Friendly Public Health initiatives, as well as co-chairing the Fall Prevention Coalition. She is also actively involved in the Dementia Care and Cure Initiative, the UPLIFT Florida Network, and the UF/IFAS Extension Advisory Board. In addition, Berger is a member of the Florida Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging and serves as the incoming President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary Post 3233.

District IX Representative: Elizabeth (Liz) Lugo, Boca Raton

Elizabeth Lugo joined The Volen Center in 1994. Lugo holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Florida Atlantic University. The Volen Center received its first national accreditation from the National Institute of Senior Centers in 2009, is accredited by Nonprofits First, was awarded the Florence R. Goldmann Award for Excellence in 2010 by the Florida Association of Senior Centers, and was awarded the Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Provider of the Year award in 2009. Lugo was the recipient of a scholarship to Harvard Business School's Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management program in 2009. Lugo has also served as a Field Instructor for Florida Atlantic University's School of Social Work. In 2012, she was awarded the Outstanding Alumna Award from the School of Social Work and was honored by the University as a whole, being named a Distinguished Alumni in 2013. In 2024, Lugo marked her 30th anniversary at The Volen Center.

District X Representative: Andrea Busada, Plantation

Andrea Busada is the Director of the Broward County Elderly and Veterans Service Division. In addition to being the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Lead Agency for Broward County, the Division also provides a transitional housing program; two consumer-directed care stipend programs; Veterans services; emergency financial assistance; and OAA Title IIIE caregiver training and support to approximately 3,200 Broward County residents each year. She is currently the District X representative on the Florida Council on Aging Board of Trustees; a member of the Broward Dementia Care and Cure Initiative Task Force; and serves as the Human Services Branch Deputy Director during emergency activations. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business.

District XI Representative: VACANT

TRUSTEES AT-LARGE

Trustee At-Large: Natalia Aresu, Boca Raton

Natalia Aresu serves as the Regional President for Humana Healthy Horizons in Florida. With 21 years at Humana and more than 25 years of experience in the healthcare industry, she brings extensive operational, strategic, and financial leadership to the organization. She holds full profit and loss (P&L) responsibility for Humana's Medicaid portfolio in Florida, overseeing enterprise performance, growth, and the delivery of high-quality, person-centered care to vulnerable populations across the state. Throughout her tenure at Humana, Aresu has developed deep expertise across key areas of health plan management, including enterprise strategy, clinical models of care, provider engagement, utilization management, finance, process improvement, member services, and the operational complexities associated with government-sponsored healthcare programs. Under her leadership as Regional President, Humana Healthy Horizons in Florida successfully re-procured the statewide Medicaid contract in 2024 and expanded its services to include two new covered populations: Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and HIV. Prior to this role, Aresu served as the Plan President for Humana Healthy Horizons in South Carolina and previously led Humana's Florida Long Term Care program, where she implemented three statewide Long Term Care contracts. Her career is marked by a strong emphasis on operational excellence, strengthened provider and community partnerships, and significant membership growth. She is recognized for her ability to lead large, diverse teams and cultivate high-performing, mission-driven groups of accountable and innovative problem solvers. Aresu also serves as a Board Member of the Florida Council on Aging, advocating for high-quality services and supports for Florida's aging population. Her 23+ years of progressive leadership in Medicaid and dual-eligible programs across New York, Florida, and South Carolina have equipped her with a deep understanding of the unique challenges and needs of vulnerable communities. Her professional journey reflects a longstanding commitment to enhancing healthcare access, quality, and equity.

Trustee At-Large: Laura Bayona, Naples

Laura Bayona is an Area Manager for Special Consumer Services at Florida Power & Light (FPL), with over 15 years of experience in energy conservation, account management, customer experience, and customer advocacy. In her current role, Bayona manages relationships with hundreds of organizations that support customers in need, advocating for the most vulnerable members of the community, and overseeing FPL's Care To Share Program. She serves as an Executive Board Member of the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC), Trustee on the Florida Council on Aging (FCOA) Board, a Board Member of the Florida Housing Coalition, and Advisory Council Member for the Southwest Florida Area Agency on Aging.

Trustee At-Large: Michele Cavallo, St. Petersburg

Michele Cavallo serves as Principal Regional Customer Experience Lead for Duke Energy Florida, bringing 37 years of expertise from a career that began in 1989 at Florida Power Corporation in Customer Service. Her journey spans leadership roles in Public Affairs, Economic Development, Large Account Management, and as Small and Medium Business Solutions Director, where she shaped strategies to enhance service for over 80,000 SMB customers. Now leading Florida's customer experience, Cavallo drives cross-functional Customer Impact and Action Team meetings, oversees customer communications, and supports state leadership on key initiatives. Her extensive customer-focused experience uniquely equips her to steer critical company strategies. Deeply engaged in her community, Cavallo serves on the Board of Florida Council on Aging and the Emergency Preparedness Board of the Florida Healthcare Association. A second-generation Floridian from Clearwater, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Florida State University and a Master of Business from the University of South Florida. She and her husband, Paul, share a love for travel and music, often blending the two, and enjoy life with their lively boxer, Remi.

Trustee At-Large: Tim Conroy, MS, MBA, Roswell, GA

In his role as Vice President, Advocacy and Growth for Jukebox Health, Conroy has responsibility for overseeing Long Term Services & Support (LTSS) waiver benefit programs, working with state governments and MLTSS plans to develop value based, clinically focused interventions improving HCBS beneficiary independence and safety at home. He partners with executive management teams at state government, managed care and local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Community Based Organizations (CBO) organizations to ensure continuation of partnerships to support member services. Before joining Jukebox, Conroy was recently National VP of Government Programs with Moms Meals and has over 20 years of healthcare executive experience leading organizations in acute and post-acute care delivery, in healthcare sales and operations overseeing national field sales teams supporting Medicare and Medicaid, in clinical operations and program development. He earned his PhD in Health Services from Walden University, MBA in Health Services Management from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, his MS from East Tennessee State University, and his BS from the University of Kentucky – both in Health Sciences.

Trustee At-Large: Karen Deigl, MA, Vero Beach

Karen B. Rose Deigl is the President and CEO of Senior Resource Association, a position she has held since 2006. Senior Resource Association is a non-profit organization providing home and community-based services benefiting older and disabled adults in Indian River County. In addition, the organization is the community transportation coordinator for Indian River and Martin Counties providing door-to-door demand response service and mass transit for residents and visitors of the counties. Deigl holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's Degree in Health Administration from the University of Florida. Since 2016, she has held an elected position as Indian River County Hospital District Trustee. She helps guide fiscally responsible decisions that strengthen local healthcare and improve the quality of life for all Indian River County residents.

Trustee At-Large: Patty Husted, Port St. Lucie

Patty Husted joined VITAS in 1989 as a hospice nurse in a Florida inpatient unit. Since then she has served in more than a dozen leadership roles throughout the company's expansion into 12 additional states and the District of Columbia. The VITAS Footprint captures greater than 70% of the population in Florida with patients in 15 of the 27 districts and 40 of the 67 counties. In her current role as Executive Vice President of Operations, Husted is responsible for overseeing the Florida and Georgia Programs where she oversees more than 6,700 employees. She held the leadership role in 5 successful Florida CON applications (AHCA service areas 1, 3E, 4A, 6B, 9B), as well as the acquisition and integration of the Citrus and Nature Coast programs into the VITAS Portfolio. Throughout her career, Husted has been a leader in creating company policies and procedures that improves patient care, and performing companywide quality assurance and regulatory compliance. She has been recognized on both a local and national levels including the President's Award for Excellence in Management.

Trustee At-Large: James D. Huysman, PsyD, LCSW, CFT, Ft. Lauderdale

James D. Huysman, PsyD, LCSW, CFT, Executive Director of STAR Network, (aka Dr. Jamie) is a seasoned therapist, thought leader and social entrepreneur. His 30+ year career has been anchored in advocacy and celebrating the resilience of the human spirit. His experiences in foundation development, media, and government affairs have provided him with unique opportunities to develop tools and programs to help burned-out adults at worksites, couples in crisis, and alienated families caught in Toxic Abusive Relationships (TAR). He does this by providing education, empowerment and energy to individuals, couples, families, organizations and communities at large. By reducing the detrimental damage of TAR, attachment disorders, and parental alienation, individuals can create loving and healthy environments for themselves and their loved ones. Based on his own life experience, Huysman excels at explaining complex issues related to trauma and addiction in clear, understandable terms, providing insights into national and international events driven by psychopathic, sociopathic, narcissistic, homicidal, or suicidal behaviors. "If you don't break the family trauma, the family trauma will break you".

Trustee At-Large: Dr. Nicholas Joseph, Tampa

Dr. Nicholas Joseph is a geriatrician, healthcare executive, and nationally recognized leader in elder care delivery and innovation. He currently serves as Senior Vice President of Empath's Complete Care Division, supporting all programs for frail elders, including Suncoast PACE, Empath LIFE, GUIDE and geriatric primary care. He has expertise in geriatrics and value-based healthcare and has led PACE programs across the country. Joseph also holds a Nursing Home Administrator license, reinforcing his cross-disciplinary perspective on aging care. He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University, completed an internal medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital, and went on to complete a geriatric medicine fellowship at Yale University.

Trustee At-Large: Marc Lei, St. Augustine

With more than two decades of experience in aging services, Marc Lei brings a strong blend of clinical, operational, and leadership insight to his work. He began his healthcare career in 2002 as a Certified Nursing Assistant and later became a Licensed Practical Nurse, gaining firsthand experience working all shifts in skilled nursing facilities. Over the years, Lei has worked across multiple areas of healthcare, including home health, dialysis, hospital settings, and the insurance sector, giving him a broad understanding of the healthcare continuum and the challenges older adults face. In 2013, he became a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator and currently serves as the Administrator of Brooks Rehabilitation's Bartram Crossing in Northeast Florida. He is passionate about advancing person-centered care, strengthening the healthcare workforce, and improving systems that support quality and dignity for older adults.

Trustee At-Large: Ronnie Lovler, Gainesville

Ronnie Lovler has been writing her Aging Matters series for *Mainstreet Daily News* since 2022. She was the recipient of FCOA's 2024 "Senior Vision Media Award" for that work. Lovler was also a two-time recipient of fellowships from The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the Journalists Network on Generations. She was selected as a participant in the 2022 Age Boom Academy, a program of the Columbia Journalism School, the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center, and the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. Her upcoming memoir, *Journalist: Don't Shoot,* about her time working as a journalist in Latin America, is to be published by Atmosphere Press in 2026. She is the co-author of the book, *Cultural Sites of North Florida*, published in 2025 by the University Press of Florida. Currently, she is working on a book about aging in Florida. Lovler is a former CNN correspondent and bureau chief in Latin America and later spent two years in Colombia as an ICFJ Knight International Journalism Fellow. She is an adjunct journalism professor at the University of Florida in addition to her work with *Mainstreet Daily News,* where she also writes an occasional series, "Florida Finds," about interesting places to visit in our state. These days, what makes her happiest is the time she spends with her granddaughter, Madelyn, now a toddler.

Trustee At-Large: Brad Shapiro, MBA, Deerfield Beach

Brad Shapiro is Vice President of Operations overseeing Long-Term Care at Sunshine Health, Florida's largest Medicaid managed care organization and a subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a Fortune 25 healthcare enterprise. Since joining Sunshine Health in 2022, he has provided executive leadership for Florida's Long-Term Care programs, with responsibility for strategy, regulatory compliance, financial performance, and operational execution serving older adults and individuals with disabilities. With more than 20 years of healthcare experience, Shapiro has led large-scale operational transformation efforts focused on strengthening provider networks, advancing person-centered care, and leveraging technology to improve quality, access, and outcomes while ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources. He holds an MBA from the University of Michigan and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Florida Council on Aging.

Trustee At-Large: Miles Taylor, PhD, Tallahassee

Miles Taylor, Claude and Mildred Pepper Professor and Director of the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Areas of Interest: Aging, Family, Health. Taylor is a sociologist, gerontologist, and demographer specializing in the areas of physical and mental health, life course processes, population aging, and family dynamics. A secondary area of expertise surrounds applying and teaching longitudinal quantitative methodologies with relevance to life course questions. Her research primarily examines processes of advantage and disadvantage across the life course and implications for health in older adulthood. Her research has been published in leading interdisciplinary aging journals and has received funding from the National Institute on Aging, Fulbright, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and the Claude Pepper Foundation. She is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and has been honored with mid-career research, teaching, and mentoring awards from FSU and professional organizations in her field.

Trustee At-Large: Nicole Weaver, Jacksonville

Nicole Weaver is the Sr. Director of Medicare Growth Enablement at Florida Blue. Within the Medicare organization, she oversees the development and execution of programs that optimize sales and retention efforts, leads Go To Market activities and local market engagement, and drives the Medicare member communication stream and member website roadmap. She is born and raised in Jacksonville and currently resides in Jacksonville Beach with her husband and two children. While this is her first board seat, Nicole has 14 years of healthcare experience. She has a passion for serving seniors at work and within her local community. She also has a Bachelor's Degree from University of North Florida.