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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### Ronald Howse

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Ronald Howse is a professional engineer, licensed in the state of Florida, and president of a development, engineering and land planning company. The Cocoa resident received his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from the University of Central Florida. He is a former Board Member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, former Board Member of the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce, and former Assistant Director of the Public Works for the City of Altamonte Springs. He was first appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist and then twice by Gov. Rick Scott to the Florida Transportation Commission that helps guide the state's transportation policy and currently serves on the panel. Gov. Scott appointed Howse to the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District. Gov. Scott also appointed him to the Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees for a term that began July 15, 2015. He was reappointed for another four year term in January 2021 by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Howse was the Vice Chair of the Board from the 2017-18 academic year until being elected as board chair in August 2022.

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### Winston Scott

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Winston Scott is a Senior Vice President at the Florida Institute of Technology, also known as Florida Tech, and a former NASA astronaut who flew on two space shuttle missions in 1996 and 1997, logging over 24 days in space and conducting three spacewalks with nearly 20 hours outside the spacecraft. He is a former Navy Captain who also served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Florida State University and Executive Director of the Florida Space Authority. Scott earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from FSU and his Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the United States Naval Postgraduate School. Gov. DeSantis appointed Scott to the Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees in March 2021.

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### Bruce Deardoff

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Bruce Deardoff is the chairman of Deardoff Automotive Group, which is comprised of several auto dealerships in Central Florida, including Island Mercury, Jaguar and Land Rover on Merritt Island. The dealerships employ more than 350 people. He is also a former member of the Canaveral Port Authority Board of Commissioners, appointed in early 2010 to fill a vacant seat. He won election to the post later that year and was reelected in 2012. Deardoff helped guide the Port through a period of unprecedented growth that included more than \$1 billion in capital spending on new projects. The work strengthened the Port's role as an important engine of economic growth along the Space Coast and in Central Florida. A Brevard County businessman for more than 30 years, he has also dedicated countless hours to civic organizations and philanthropic causes. Deardoff received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Fordham University in New York. Gov. Rick Scott appointed him to the EFSC Board of Trustees for a four-year term that began in July 2018. Gov. Ron DeSantis reappointed Deardoff to a second four-year term in January 2021.

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### Dr. Edgar Figueroa

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Dr. Edgar Figueroa is a general surgeon with more than 30 years of experience in general and trauma surgery. He practices with Steward Medical Group and at Sebastian River Medical Center and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgery. Dr. Figueroa has been a leader in bringing state-of-the-art robotics to the operating room. Prior to his current position, he practiced at Holmes Regional Medical Center, where he was on the Health First Foundation Board, and also served as Assistant Professor of Surgery and Medical Director at the University of Florida Health Science Center in Jacksonville. Dr. Figueroa has also been a surgeon at Hollywood Medical Center, Memorial Regional Hospital Trauma Center and Mount Sinai Hospital, all in South Florida. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Puerto Rico and his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Central del Este also in Puerto Rico. Gov. Rick Scott appointed him to the EFSC Board of Trustees in July 2018 and he was reappointed to a new four-year term by Gov. Ron DeSantis in January 2021. He became the board's vice chair in August 2022.

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### Laura Moody

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Laura Moody has been the Chief Legal Counsel for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office since 2019, functioning as in-house counsel for Sheriff Wayne Ivey and his staff. She researches and trains on legislative and case law updates; litigates asset forfeitures and risk protection orders; and handles other legal matters, such as working with the local criminal justice system. She previously was an Assistant State Attorney for 12 years and served as a Felony Trial Division Chief from 2016-2019, and as the Division Chief of the Elder & Economic Crimes Division from 2011-2016. Starting in 2000 she worked for the State Attorney's office in the Juvenile Diversion program, and as a Victim Advocate before attending law school where she graduated from Florida A&M as Valedictorian in 2007. Moody earned her bachelor's degree from Flagler College and a master's degree in public administration from UCF. She is a member of the Florida Bar, the Brevard County Bar Association, and currently serves on the Board of the Vassar B. Carlton Inn of Court in the capacity of counsel. In 2014, She was part of the Legislative Task Force that successfully passed HB 409, "Offenses against Vulnerable Persons," which greatly enhanced the chance for successful prosecution of crimes against the elderly. Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Laura Moody to the EFSC Board of Trustees in May 2022.