



2nd Vice Chairman – Dr. Gwendolyn Brown

A veteran port authority board member since 1994, Dr. Brown holds an associate degree from Manatee Community College, a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and a master's degree from Nova Southeastern University. She received her Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University in 2007. Dr. Brown is a former Head Start director and operational manager for Children's Academy.

Public Service

Manatee County Port Authority First Vice Chairman 1995, 1997, 2005-2007, Second Vice Chairman 2002, 2010; Member 1996, 1998-2001

Board of County Commissioners, Chairman, 2009, Elected 1994, Re-elected July 2006
Civic Center Authority since 1994

Environmental Action Commission, 1995

Enterprise Zone Development Agency, Chairman, 2009

Public Safety Coordinating Council, Chairman, 1995-2003

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Executive Board Member, 1997, Governor Elect 1996, Governor Elect 1995

Community Redevelopment Agency, Vice Chairman, 2007, Chairman, 2005-2006,
First Vice Chairman, 2004, First Vice Chairman, 2003

Community Service

CEO Roundtable, Joint Planning Committee, EZDA; Democratic Womens Club of Manatee County; Gamma Rho Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Leadership Manatee Alumni; National Head Start Association; League of Women Voters.