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LEAD Brevard Elects Board of Directors; welcomes 5 new members

ROCKLEDGE, FL – Five local leaders have been elected and begin a three-year term on June 1, 2021 with the LEAD Brevard Board of Directors. They join a group of fourteen returning board members, elected for another term. Elections were held during the organization’s annual meeting May 6, 2021 as a portion of the evening of the graduation of the Leadership Brevard class of 2021.

Newly elected to the Board are **Mike Artelli**, Realtor, RE/MAX Solutions; **Angelique Bonadio, MEd.** Volunteer Coordinator Lead, St. Francis REFLECTIONS Lifestage Care; Major **Stephen Fernez**, Brevard County Sheriff’s Office; **Trevor Howard**, DOCK Director, Neighbor Up Brevard; and **Charlotte Perkins**, The R.E.A.L. Church, My Community Cares.

Returning to board service are **Dale Dupree**, The Sales Rebellion; **Mike Durante**, Berman Hopkins CPA’s & Associates, LLP; **Scott Eller**, Rock Paper Simple; **Bart Gaetjens**, Florida Power & Light; **Beth Gitlin**, PhD, BJG Global Consultants; **Robyn Hattaway**, Lacey Lyons Rezanka and Board of Commissioners, Canaveral Port Authority; , **Chris Kern**, Health First Foundation, Chairman of the Board; **Dale Ketcham**, Space Florida; **Shayla Murray**, Oil of Joy Church Ministries; **Michele Murrell**, YMCA of Central Florida; **Gary Neal**, M.E. Construction, Inc.; **Amar Patel**, Brevard Achievement Center; **Wendy Romeu**, Alluvionic Inc; and **Vinnie Taranto**, Media-Over-Matter Productions, LC.

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Officers elected during the Board of Directors meeting May 27, 2021 are **Chairman of the Board**, Chris Kern, **Chairman-Elect**, Beth Gitlin, **Treasurer**, Mike Durante and as **Immediate past Chairman**, Dale Ketcham.

“Leaders are our community’s most vital asset and we’re excited to welcome both returning board members and new as we work together to strengthen our community by inspiring people to lead “says LEAD Brevard President and CEO, Kristin Bakke.

LEAD Brevard was founded in 1985. The organizations’ flagship program Leadership Brevard sees sixty local leaders engaged from September through April developing professional networks, in dialogue about key county and regional issues, and exploring opportunities for increased civic involvement.

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