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TCCEED Expands its Board of Directors



From left: Thom Epsky, Rita Evans, and Kallee Jackson

Port St. Lucie/June 2, 2026 – The Treasure Coast Center for Economic and Educational Development (TCCEED), a 501(c)3 nonprofit established by the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County (EDC), recently expanded its Board of Directors.

Thom Epsky, Rita Evans and Kallee Jackson were elected to the TCCEED board in May. Azlina Goldstein of GL Homes/Riverland will continue to chair the nonprofit, Brandon Nobile of Remnant Construction is vice chair, Trisha Hawthorne of Seacoast Bank is treasurer, and Nikita Lloyd of WebSuted is secretary. Marissa Gleockler of the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County and Dr. Helen Wild, deputy superintendent of St. Lucie Public Schools, are ex-officio members.

Epsky serves as president and CEO of the United Way of St. Lucie and Okeechobee as well on the Florida Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission. He has cultivated decades-long experience spanning public service, human resources leadership, workforce development, and nonprofit leadership.

Evans is a successful business owner in Port St. Lucie, community advocate, former nonprofit president, and active supporter of veterans and their families throughout the Treasure Coast. A highly respected training and recruitment leader in the United States Navy, Evans retired with the rank of chief petty officer after 21 years of service.

Jackson is an internationally recognized fashion designer, entrepreneur, and creative visionary. Her couture designs have been featured in *Vogue*, *Elle*, *Glamour* and many other publications, and her collections have graced the runways of New York, Paris, Dubai, and Milan. Jackson's impact extends beyond fashion through the Kallee Jackson Threaded Legacy Foundation dedicated to inspiring and empowering youth in fashion design and the creative arts.

"The opportunity to add these three accomplished business leaders to our board is truly meaningful for our growing organization," said TCCEED Executive Director Anita Fischer. "I'm so thankful for everything Thom's expertise in workforce readiness, mentorship, and human-centered strategy; Rita's servant leadership and commitment to community empowerment; and Kallee's passion for creativity and education will add to what TCCEED is able to offer to our community."

Working with the Boys and Girls Clubs and St. Lucie Public Schools, this summer TCCEED is coordinating paid internships for 61 junior and senior high school students with 51 St. Lucie companies. After last year's program, 14 students were offered ongoing employment after their internships. The organization's second annual 8th Grade Experience, an opportunity for eighth grade students to explore many different career paths, is slated for November 10.

About TCCEED

The Treasure Coast Center for Economic and Educational Development is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization that connects the region's businesses, educators and workforce leaders to build a stronger, more competitive talent pipeline in St. Lucie County and beyond. TCCEED helps align education with community needs, helping businesses grow while providing career opportunities for individuals. Contact TCCEED at 772.324.2014 ext. 204 or visit www.tccced.org.

About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County (EDC) is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in St. Lucie County through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the community. The EDC works in partnership with local governments and the private sector to advance its goals of creating more and better-paying jobs for residents, broadening the tax base and improving St. Lucie County's economic quality of life. Contact the EDC at 772.324.2014, contact@youredc.com or www.youredc.com.