

Chairman Graham Passes the Gavel



Donning, as he called it, his “yuletide bling,” PSC Chairman Art Graham has received his third honorary gavel plaque listing his three terms as Florida Public Service Commission Chairman. Fellow Commissioner Julie Brown presented him with a personalized baseball cap with the caption, “Third time is a work of Art” to mark the special occasion, saying he served well as ambassador for the PSC and “was a glutton for punishment with his self-sacrifice.” Commissioner Donald Polmann thanked him for “the efficiency you helped us achieve,” adding that his “public service is outstanding.” Chair-Elect Gary Clark likened the five Commissioners to a football team, and said, “Chairman Graham is like the hard-charging full-back, the most versatile person on the team.” Not wanting to exceed the three-minute public comment time limit enforced by Chairman Graham, Commissioner Andrew Fay looked at the Chairman’s clock and said, “I’ll waive my time and not talk about you, which is what I think you’d want me to do,” drawing laughter from the audience.



Chairman Graham took his last day as Chairman in stride as he artfully led another Commission Conference and, in a brief ceremony, recognized the PSC staff members marking milestone service anniversaries. “I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished as ‘Team Florida,’” he said. “Our agency is a lot better now than when I started, and I’d like to think I had something to do with it in my 9½ years.”

Commissioner Brown Appointed to the Florida Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission

Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Commissioner Julie Brown to serve on the Florida Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission to ensure the statewide observance of the 2020 centennial of women’s suffrage.

Next year marks the 100-year anniversary of Congress passing the 19th Amendment, allowing women the right to vote. The Florida Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission was established as an “adjunct to the Department of State for the express purpose of ensuring a suitable statewide observance.”



Commissioner Brown is pictured second from the left.

“I am deeply honored to be appointed to this Commission and look forward to working with my fellow members to recommend meaningful ways to recognize this important anniversary,” Commissioner Brown said. “The evolution women’s suffrage has brought to America is both enlightening and transformative, and I’m proud to contribute to the commemoration of this milestone.”

Commissioner Brown is one of 11 distinguished women appointed by the Governor to fulfill Senate Bill 1306 passed by the 2019 Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Núñez chairs the Commission.

Helping Homeless Veterans

Commissioner Gary Clark and his chief advisor Forrest Boone, and Commissioner Andrew Fay, filled bags with products to assist the homeless for the National Veterans Outreach Program as part of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ 2019 Annual Meeting and Education Conference service project on November 19.

