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Florida Green Building Coalition Announces 2018 Leadership, Board

ORLANDO, Fla. – The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green projects in the state, has announced its executive committee and board of directors for the coming year.

This year's executive committee is comprised of President **Jeremy Nelson**, GreenGov, LLC, Orlando; Vice President **Stephanie Thomas-Rees**, Adjunct Professor, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach; Treasurer **Greg Hardwick**, Hardwick General Contracting, Inc., Maitland and Secretary **Katrina Locke**, Volusia County - Environmental Management, DeLand.

"The board's leadership and energy has been instrumental in promoting and maintaining "Florida Green" standards and programs throughout the state. The board makes policy, directs staff and has the ultimate responsibility for the advancement of our local mission to promote green building in Florida," noted FGBC Executive Director C.J. Davila.

With over 17,200 certifications to date, FGBC is by far the largest certifier of green homes, communities, commercial buildings, hi-rises and local governments in Florida.

Nelson served as president in 2017. He has been active in the FGBC since 2006. He has been instrumental in drafting updates to FGBC standards and has represented FGBC at various local government city and county meetings including as treasurer in 2016. GreenGov, LLC is a consulting firm that has guided over 50 cities and counties on their sustainability goals.

"There are some dedicated, knowledgeable leaders on our board. Their collective expertise and creativity will advance our mission to lead and promote a state of sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through regional education, information, grassroots outreach and certification programs.," said Nelson, who prior to forming GreenGov worked for the Florida Solar Energy Center for over eight years promoting sustainability education and conducting energy efficiency research.

Thomas-Rees is an adjunct professor at Daytona State College in the School of Building and Architectural Technology. She teaches Sustainable Design, Construction Materials and Processes and Construction Planning and Estimating. She was also the faculty advisor for Team Daytona, Daytona State College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's combined partnership, in the US DOE Solar Decathlon 2017 competition.

Hardwick is president and owner of Hardwick G.C. and has over 22 years of experience in the construction industry. He is a LEED Accredited Professional through the US Green Building



Council and through the National Association of Home Builders is designated as a Certified Graduate Builder. He served as president of the Greater Orlando Builders Association in 2013.

Locke is the Sustainability and Natural Resources Director in Volusia County's Environmental Management Division. She manages Green Volusia, the county's sustainability program which includes the county's Sustainability Action Plan, and oversees the Lyonia Environmental Center, Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation and Manatee Protection Plan. She is also a member of the Florida Sustainability Network and the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network.

FGBC board members include **Jim Barnes**, Village of Wellington, Wellington; **Mike Bonts**, Mike Bonts PR, Jacksonville; **C.J. Davila**, Florida Green Building Coalition, Orlando; **Barry Faske**, Faske Enterprises, Inc. Hollywood.; **Arturo Griego**, itecdesign, Opa Locka; **Cindy Hall**, Eco Solutions Marketing, Jensen Beach; **Bill Kachman**, Environmental Construction & Consulting, Inc., DeLand; **Lara Kuleshova**, City of Tallahassee, Tallahassee; **Claire Lewis**, University of Florida - IFAS, Gainesville; **Ric Lightner**, Global Sustainability Certifying Consultant, Key West; **Jeannette Moore**, Green Florida Properties, St. Augustine; **Libby O'Neill**, Florida Housing Finance, Tallahassee; **Lisa Percy**, 15 lightyears, Longwood; **Nate Ritter**, GreenBuilt Solutions, LLC, Orlando; **Mary Tappouni**, Breaking Ground Contracting, Jacksonville and **Kristin Triolo**, Homes International, Sarasota.

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