

**Nominating Committee Seeks Applicants for
Tampa Port Authority, d/b/a Port Tampa Bay - Board of Commissioners Seat No. 4**

The Tampa Port Authority Nominating Committee (the "Committee") announces that it seeks applicants for a Tampa Port Authority, d/b/a Port Tampa Bay ("PTB") Commissioner (PTB "Commissioner") opening due to the recent resignation of Dennis Manelli, thus leaving Seat No. 4 vacant. The seat is one of the two appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida from a list of persons who have maritime industry backgrounds nominated by the Committee. The current term for Seat No. 4 expires February 6, 2024.

The position of the PTB Commissioner is a non-paying position. PTB Commissioners set policy for and oversee PTB, the organization that is responsible for the Hillsborough Port District, which leases Authority owned facilities at the Port of Tampa. Other responsibilities include the setting and collection of port tariffs and the marketing of the Port. This position will also take part in managing capital improvements to, and the maintenance of, Port owned facilities, along with approving the Port annual budget. Duties include preparation for and attendance at regular meetings, and interaction with the public, PTB personnel and others in order to advance the interests of the Port of Tampa and its businesses.

Applicants must reside in Hillsborough County, must be qualified electors of Hillsborough County (i.e. registered to vote in Hillsborough County), and have a maritime industry background, defined in section 3, chapter 2005-332, Florida Statutes, as a "person [that] by training or experience is or has been engaged in, for a significant portion of his or her career, a business involving maritime commerce, port management, terminal management, ship agency business, ship building, ship management, ship operations, ship repair, admiralty law, international trade law, importing or exporting waterborne cargo, or other maritime-related business that is similar to the aforementioned specialties." In addition to the qualifications listed in the statute, the experience brought by the applicant, as well as applicant's personal integrity, standing in the community, moral conduct, ethics, impartiality, and administrative ability, independence and temperament will be used to consider the applicant for nomination.

[Applications](#) for the PTB Commissioner position, which must be received **no later than August 19, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, may be obtained at the following websites: www.propellerclubtampa.com (News Tab) and www.ptmia.org (Resources Tab). Applications must be submitted electronically via email to ptb2021seat4@gmail.com. For copies of the Application and further information on the submissions of those applications, please contact Bill Kuzmick at 813.679.0330 and Bill@americanvictor.org or Christopher F. Hamilton at 813.416.2352 and CHamilton@shutts.com.

The Committee will begin considering applicants after the deadline for submitting applications. The Committee may request additional information from applicants and may conduct personal interviews of certain applicants. Pursuant to statute, the Committee will select a nominee or nominees, and submit its selection to the Governor. A list of all applicants nominated by the Committee will be submitted to the Governor on or before August 26, 2021. The Governor may select the new PTB Commissioner from the list of nominees provided by the Committee.

Anyone seeking additional information about the position, application process, or the selection process, may contact Committee Chairman Christopher F. Hamilton at 813.416.2352 and CHamilton@shutts.com or Committee Vice-Chairman Dennis Manelli at 813.247.3153 and DManelli@hendrymarine.com.