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Lee County Tourist Development Council welcomes new chair

LEE COUNTY, Fla. – The Lee Board of County Commissioners appointed Commission Chairman Brian Hamman as chair of the Tourist Development Council effective immediately at the council's regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, Dec. 8.

"I'm excited to have another chance to serve on the TDC along with some of our top tourism industry leaders," Hamman said. "In the wake of Hurricane Ian, we have some challenges, but we also have a great team in place and I'm excited to see our community rebound and become a year-round destination of choice once again."

Hamman is president & CEO of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce. A Lee County native, Hamman graduated from Cape Coral High School, attended Florida SouthWestern State College and earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Hamman and his wife, Rebecca, live in Cape Coral with their two children, Kaitlyn and Jacob. He is active in the community, serving on various boards and volunteering at his church, Crosspoint Christian.

Hamman, who was named BoCC chairman on Nov. 15, replaces TDC Chairman and Lee County Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass. Hamman previously served as TDC chair in 2019-2021 and 2014-2015.

The nine-member TDC was established as an advisory board to the BoCC in 1983 to increase off-season tourism in Lee County.

For more information about the TDC, visit leeveb.com and leegov.com/bocc.

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Editor's note: Brian Hamman photo below

