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### **NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**GAINESVILLE, Fla – Aug. 27, 2007** – The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (GACRAA) welcomed two new members to the authority and returning member, Kinnon Thomas.

The city of Gainesville selected Win Phillips and Janet Woods to replace Joe Dunlap and Marilyn Tubb on Monday, July 13. Thomas was reappointed and has been serving on the board since August 2004. Members are appointed for a term of three years.

#### **Winfred M. Phillips**

Dr. Win Phillips is Vice President for Research, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Don and Ruth Eckis Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida, and President of the University of Florida Research Foundation. He previously served as the Dean of the Graduate School at UF and the Dean of Engineering and Associate Vice President at UF.

Dr. Phillips was a professor of mechanical engineering and head of the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University from 1980 to 1988. Prior to 1980, he served as associate dean for research in the College of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University, acting chairman of the Intercollegiate Biomedical Engineering Program and professor of aerospace engineering.

A fellow and past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Dr. Phillips has held leadership positions in numerous engineering and science societies.

Dr. Phillips earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and his master's degree and doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia.

#### **Kinnon Thomas**

Kinnon Thomas is owner of Via Media and Marketing in Gainesville. He holds a bachelor of arts in journalism from Louisiana State University.

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Thomas is involved in the community and a number of organizations, including the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board, East Gainesville SPROUT Task Force, Innovation Campus Task Force, and the Gainesville Advertising Federation. He is also Chair of the Council for Economic Outreach (CEO).

### **Janet Woods**

Janet Woods is the Contract Manager for the Partnership for Strong Families in Gainesville. She joined the Partnership for Strong Families in 2006, after serving a small practitioner in Gainesville for four years. Prior to her move to Gainesville in 2002, Janet worked for Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy in New York City, NY.

Her training includes legal expertise, reading Internal Revenue Codes/Treasury Regulations and other statutes and regulations, contract negotiations and drafting.

Janet holds a bachelor's degree in english from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in english from the University of Michigan. She also obtained a law degree from the UC Berkley School of Law.

Janet is a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan. She enjoys reading and working in the community.

GACRAA is governed by a nine-member board, appointed by the City of Gainesville, the Governor and Alachua County. Members serving on the board include Billy Brashear, William R. Breeze, Mark Goldstein, Peter L. Johnson, W.E. "Mac" McEachern, Winfred Phillips, James L. Stringfellow, Sr., Kinnon Thomas and Janet Woods.

### **About Gainesville Regional Airport**

Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, approximately 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville and just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced "gateway" to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit [www.flygainesville.com](http://www.flygainesville.com) or contact Michelle Danisovszky at (352) 373-0249.

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