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2025 ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025
8 A.M. | FULL SAIL LIVE



Agenda

Breakfast & Networking | 8 a.m.

Program | 9 a.m.

Welcome

Vernon Rainwater, Chief of Staff

Full Sail University

Opening Remarks

Valerie Boey Ramsey, Owner

VBR Ink

Mayor Remarks

Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Orange County Government

Regional Leadership Panel

Moderated by Anil Menon, Ph.D., Dean

Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College

Vice Chairman Brandon Arrington

Osceola County Commission

Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Orange County Government

Mayor Buddy Dyer

City of Orlando

Chairman Jay Zembower

Seminole County Commission

Orlando Regional 2045 Vision

Tim Giuliani, President & CEO

Orlando Economic Partnership

Frontiers of Innovation

Kevin R. Bolen, Principal & Head of AI Transformation, Strategy and Investments

KPMG

The Future of Transportation

Chuck Martin

Author & Futurist

Innovation and Transportation Panel

Moderated by Angela Starke, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs

Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Jacques Coulon, Mobility Manager

City of Orlando

Mike French, Vice President of Resident Success

Signature Aviation

Chuck Martin

Author & Futurist

Alissa Barber Torres, Ph.D., FAICP, CLTD, Chief Innovation and Emerging Technology Officer

Orange County Government

Closing Remarks

Valerie Boey Ramsey, Owner

VBR Ink

Greetings:

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2025 Orange County Regional Economic Summit. This year's theme, "The Future of Economic Development," reflects our shared commitment to innovation, growth, and collaboration as we shape the economic landscape of tomorrow.



Orange County is honored to welcome leaders, entrepreneurs, and visionaries from across the region and beyond. Your expertise and insights are vital as we explore new opportunities and address the challenges facing our communities. From managing growth in the region to how technology and innovation are driving our economy, we look forward to engaging our leaders in these discussions. The Central Florida region has one of the fastest growing economies in the country and leads the nation in job growth. We take pride in being a center for innovation and technology, forming strategic partnerships, and attracting talented individuals, businesses, and organizations essential for a thriving economy.

Today's program will feature a regional leadership panel, which will discuss our local and regional economy, the impacts of managing growth, and the challenges and opportunities communities encounter. The Orlando Economic Partnership will provide an update on the regional economy and future business growth. The keynote speaker will explore the frontiers of innovation, followed by a presentation on the Future of Transportation. We will conclude with a panel discussion on innovation and transportation, and how it will guide the future of our economy. Each of these discussions emphasizes the importance of collaboration, which is essential in advancing economic growth, enhancing the quality of life, and promoting sustainable development for both our local community and the broader region.

Once again, welcome to the 2025 Orange County Regional Economic Summit. I look forward to a productive and inspiring conversation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry L. Demings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor





Vernon Rainwater
Welcome

Vernon Rainwater is an experienced connector of people, communities, and organizations. Rainwater has served as a catalyst for networking in diverse groups

in more than 23 countries. His career path has led him to his best role yet as chief of staff within the Office of the President at Full Sail University.



Valerie Boey Ramsey
Emcee

Valerie Boey Ramsey is the owner and CEO of VBR Ink and an award-winning journalist. As a freelancer, Boey Ramsey reports the news for WFTV Orlando and is a breaking

news contributor for the *New York Times*. *Orlando Magazine* has named her as one of the 2025 Women of the Year honorees.



Anil Menon, Ph.D.
Moderator: Regional Leadership Panel

Dr. Anil Menon is the Dean of the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College. A former senior leader at Cisco, IBM, and the World Economic

Forum, he is reimagining the Master of Business Administration program to equip future leaders with critical thinking, AI fluency, and practical judgment to address today's global economic and societal challenges.



Vice Chairman Brandon Arrington
Panelist: Regional Leadership

Vice Chairman Brandon Arrington was elected to the Osceola County Commission in 2008 to represent District

3. As commissioner, he serves on the Orlando Economic Partnership Board of Directors, MetroPlan Orlando Board, and the Central Florida Expressway Authority Governing Board. He also serves as the Executive Director of Osceola Arts, where he is proud to champion the arts and works to provide cultural outlets to our diverse community.



Mayor Jerry L. Demings
Panelist: Regional Leadership

Mayor Jerry L. Demings is the 5th elected mayor of Orange County and is the first African American to serve in the role. He oversees 8,000 Orange

County employees and a balanced \$8.4 billion budget. With a people-over-politics approach, Mayor Demings leads with a vision to make Orange County a more innovative, inclusive, and collaborative community.



Mayor Buddy Dyer
Panelist: Regional Leadership

Mayor Buddy Dyer is the longest-serving mayor in Orlando's history. By choosing collaboration and unity over partisanship and division,

Mayor Dyer has worked to increase partnerships among Central Florida's government organizations, businesses, community groups and residents to help shape Orlando into a vibrant, inclusive city that is focused on the future.



Chairman Jay Zembower

Panelist: Regional Leadership

Chairman Jay Zembower is a native Floridian and a 45-year resident of Seminole County. Chairman Zembower was elected in 2018 as

Commissioner for District 2, one of the county's largest districts. He is deeply involved in the community, serving on several local boards and organizations. His keen business sense is a critical asset when planning budgets, allocating funds, and solving problems.



Tim Giuliani

Speaker: Orlando Regional 2045 Vision

Tim Giuliani is a national leader in growing cities that deliver economic growth. As President and CEO of the Orlando Economic Partnership, his

leadership has helped attract more than 30,000 new jobs, \$3.6 billion in capital investment, and \$3.3 billion in annual payroll. Giuliani's work to position Orlando as a global creative capital is focused on cultivating civic leadership to align with the long-term opportunities and challenges that face the region.



Kevin R. Bolen

Keynote Speaker: Frontiers of Innovation

Kevin Bolen is a Principal in KPMG's US Advisory practice and serves as the Leader for AI Transformation, Strategic Planning, and Investments. In

his AI role, he oversees the development of new AI-centric offerings for KPMG's clients as well as the infusion of AI into KPMG's own delivery models.



Chuck Martin

Featured Speaker: The Future of Transportation

Panelist: Innovation and Transportation

Chuck Martin is a *New York Times Business* bestselling author, futurist, keynote

speaker, and columnist. He is considered one of the foremost emerging technology experts in the world. His latest book is "Flying Vehicles: The Emergence of Personal Air Travel, Flying Cars, and Air Taxis."



Angela Starke

Moderator: Innovation and Transportation Panel

Angela B. Starke is an accomplished communications professional with a background across traditional and digital media

platforms and experience as a spokesperson for government agencies. She is currently serving as the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs and Community Relations for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority.



Jacques Coulon

Panelist: Innovation and Transportation

Jacques Coulon leads the Planning Division of the City of Orlando's Transportation Department. His focus is on supporting the city's

efforts to prepare for emerging transportation technologies such as Advanced Air Mobility, Connected Autonomous Vehicles, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and transportation data standards.



Mike French

Panelist: Innovation and Transportation

Mike French serves as Vice President of Resident Success at Signature Aviation. French leads a dedicated team responsible for managing more than 16 million square feet of hangar, office, shop, ramp, and other aviation-related spaces across more than 200 global locations. His leadership also extends to Signature's strategic initiatives supporting the future of electric aviation and advanced air mobility.



Alissa Barber Torres

Panelist: Innovation and Transportation

Alissa Barber Torres, PhD, FAICP, CLTD, serves as the Chief Innovation & Emerging Technology Officer for Orange County. Torres has more than 30 years of experience in transportation, technology, economic development, land use, policy and code development, public outreach, and intergovernmental coordination with local government, private sector, and regional planning agencies.

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