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Governor Reappoints Scales, Appoints Schmitt and Stoky to FKCC Board of Trustees

KEY WEST, FL, October 17, 2011—Florida Governor Rick Scott announced on Friday the reappointment of Edwin A. Scales III and the appointment of Brian C. Schmitt and Robert C. Stoky to the District Board of Trustees of Florida Keys Community College. Scales' term began Friday and will end May 31, 2014. Schmitt and Stoky succeed Kim Bassett and Spencer Slate, respectively, with terms that began Friday and will end May 31, 2015. The three appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

"I look forward to working with our new and returning trustees," said Dr. Larry Tyree, FKCC President. "As we welcome members with new skills and expertise to the board, we must unfortunately bid farewell to two valuable trustees in Captain Slate and Ms. Bassett, whose commitment and service to the college have been invaluable."

Scales, who represents the lower Keys, was first appointed to the college's Board of Trustees in 2006 and served as Board Chair from 2007 to 2009. He practices law, including commercial litigation, appellate work, administrative law and mediations, as a sole practitioner in Key West. He also serves as General Counsel to the Florida Citrus Commission. Scales currently represents the 16th Judicial Circuit (Monroe County) on the Florida Bar Board of Governors and serves on the Florida Commission on Ethics. Scales holds a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications as well as a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida.

Schmitt, representing the middle Keys, previously served on the college's Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2006. He is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate in Marathon. Before that, he was co-owner and operator of Brian's in Paradise Restaurant and the Boat Inn Marina. Schmitt received a bachelor's and a master's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

Representing the upper Keys, Stoky is the president and chair of the board of Florida Keys Restaurant Management, overseeing operations of eight Keys restaurants. Even before his appointment as a trustee, he has served the college as an adjunct instructor of Emergency Medical Services and as a member of the FKCC Foundation Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Stoky holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Communications from the University of Florida, as well as two Masters of Business Administration, in Finance and Management, from the University of Miami.

Scales, Schmitt, and Stoky join Key West psychologist Antoinette Martin and Marathon radio producer Anne O'Bannon on the five-member Board of Trustees. The newly-comprised board will convene for the first time on October 24 at the Key West Campus.

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