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### **SANDELLI APPOINTED TO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Feb. 4, 2025) – Ray Sandelli has been appointed to the Lee County Port Authority Airports Special Management Committee (ASMC) by Lee Board of County Commissioner David Mulicka. The committee serves as an advisory board to the Board of Port Commissioners, reviewing policy, administrative and management matters for Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. Each ASMC member serves without compensation.

Born, raised and educated in New Jersey, Sandelli, now of Bonita Springs, completed eight years of military service as a Naval Officer and Aviator. While deployed aboard the USS Independence (CV-62), he completed two operational cruises to the Mediterranean Sea. He participated in Sixth Fleet operations during the October 1973 Middle East War and 1974 Cyprus conflict. He then reported to VT-86, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, in March 1975, as an Advanced Training Command Instructor. His final tour was as a member of the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

Following his military service, Sandelli began his commercial brokerage career with CBRE, Inc., as an office-leasing specialist in Seattle, Washington. In 1995, he became the senior managing director of the CBRE Tampa Office, and in 2000, he assumed responsibility for the Florida region. Following his move to Southwest Florida, he became managing partner of CRE Consultants.

In 2019, Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Sandelli to serve on the Lee Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to fill the vacancy for District 3. Sandelli was elected a Lee County Commissioner in 2020 and retired in November 2024. As a Lee County Commissioner, Sandelli also served as a Board of Port Commissioner from 2019 to 2024.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 11 million passengers in 2024 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. Page Field provides services to corporate, commercial and private aviators and accommodated more than 169,000 aircraft operations in 2024. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used to run or expand the airports, which are funded solely with revenue generated from their operations. For more information, please visit [flylcpa.com](http://flylcpa.com) or Like Us on Facebook at [facebook.com/flyRSW](https://facebook.com/flyRSW).