

PROFILE

**CLEASTOR W. JENNINGS
2212 DUNHURST LANE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32835**

EDUCATIONAL:

- Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida A.M University in Mathematics, 1969
- United States Army Commander General's Staff College
- Earned numerous additional Army Leadership Certificates

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 1976 through 2006: Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (Orlando International Airport)
 - Director of Airport Operations
 - Deputy Director
 - Six years as Executive Director

During Mr. Jennings' time at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, he accomplished the following:

- The Orlando International Airport was ranked #4 in the United States for Origination and Designation traffic.
- He developed the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority's Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.
- The Orlando International Airport was the first Airport in the United States recognized by the Federal Department of Transportation for its' Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.
- The Orlando International Airport received an award from the NAACP for its Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.
- After a major Airport downturn in the wake of 9-11, he was successful in convincing Airlines to invest \$3.4 billion to build the South Terminal at the Orlando International Airport.

PROFESSIONAL:

- Mr. Jennings spent a number of years on the Airport International Security Commission which developed an airport security training program for North and West Africa.
- Mr. Jennings was recognized by HDI and Africa for improving Airport security in Africa.

- Mr. Jennings is a member of the Tuskegee Airman.
- Mr. Jennings is a member of the 100 Black Men of Orlando.
- Mr. Jennings is Chairman of the Florida A & M University Board of Trustees.
- Mr. Jennings is current member of the Venue oversight Committee for the City of Orlando, which is presently building a new Arena for the Orlando Magic; the Performance Arts Center; and the Florida Citrus Bowl. The Venue Oversight Committee has developed a unique tax incentive for the funding of these projects.
- Mr. Jennings is a founding member of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC).
- Mr. Jennings is member of the Airline Airport Affairs Committee.



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July 16, 2013

Dr. Narayan Persaud
President
Florida A&M University
Faculty Senate
Tallahassee, Florida 32307

Dear Dr. Persaud:

I cannot think of a person who has done more to serve the interest of Florida A&M University at a high level than former Trustee C. William Jennings. He is the longest-serving member of not only FAMU's Board of Trustees, but any public university board in the State University System of Florida. Mr. Jennings has served as a member, from the inception of the FAMU BOT until his term ended in June 2013. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees during some of the most critical times in the university's recent history.

FAMU having a Board of Trustees as a governing board is relatively a new concept when you consider how other public universities have operated throughout the years in other states. However, the constant through this governing process has been former Trustee Jennings. He has made some tough decisions — all of which he believes have been in the best interest to move FAMU forward.

Mr. Jennings has had a stellar career serving as the executive director of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. He served as co-chair of the campaign for the FAMU Law School Building fund and the FAMU Scholarship Fund. He was also instrumental in generating community support for selection of Orlando as FAMU's Law School site. His family has a long history of support for FAMU; his mother and three aunts are FAMU alumnae. He continued the family tradition by receiving his bachelor's degree from FAMU in 1969.

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Trustee C. William Jennings

Trustee Considering his long-standing support and leadership provided as a member of the FAMU Board of Trustees and his commitment to FAMU's success, I recommend that Trustee Jennings be considered for a Doctor of Human Letters during the summer 2013 Commencement Exercises.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon P. Saunders".

Sharon P. Saunders
Executive Assistant to the President for
Communications

cc: Dr. Larry Robinson
Interim President, Florida A&M University