



### **Jim Daniel, CPA – Chair**

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### **Ms. Virginia Mentzer, CPA – Vice-Chair**

Ms. Mentzer has over 30 years of experience in accounting and finance primarily in an executive leadership capacity. She is a Florida-licensed CPA, with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Specializing in Accounting, and a Master of Business Administration. She worked in internal and external auditing roles early in her career before transitioning to a corporate Chief Financial Officer (CFO). She held CFO roles for almost twenty years, initially for an insurance and membership company, and thereafter for three financial institutions.

In 2016, she joined the Florida CFO Group and started her own business providing CFO Services on a fractional, interim, and project basis via Mentzer Consulting, LLC. She loves helping small and medium-sized businesses reach higher levels of success.

Ms. Mentzer and her husband John live in Manatee County. John retired from practicing law in 2023 and became a high school teacher at Parrish Community High School. He is very involved in soccer in our community and is Parrish's girls' head soccer coach. Their son and daughter have attended Manatee County Schools since kindergarten. Emily graduated from Parrish Community High School and is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater at Coastal Carolina University. Jack attends Parrish Community High School and is a varsity football player.

Ms. Mentzer has been serving on the Audit Committee since 2020.

### **John F. Baliga, Jr., CPA**

John F. Baliga, Jr., is an active Certified Public Accountant, licensed in both Florida and Maryland. John began his career in public accounting and spent over 15 years serving in a variety of audit-related roles and types of clients and industries. He has extensive experience with processes and internal controls, Sarbanes Oxley and audits of Internal Control over Financial Reporting. John currently leads the financial reporting and consolidations functions for a global software company. John moved to Manatee County in 2023 with his family and has two children in the Manatee County school system and has been a member of the Audit Committee since 2024.

### **Bernard A. Wagner, CPA**

Mr. Wagner is a Florida-licensed CPA and has worked for over 40 years in various accounting and finance roles, with 30 of those years as the CFO in public and private companies. He recently retired and now works as a financial consultant through his public accounting practice. Mr. Wagner is a Navy veteran. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Wagner and his wife live in Manatee County with their two children, who both attend high school in Manatee County.