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Eric E. Silagy

Chair and CEO

Florida Power & Light

Friday, March 5, 2021

Eric Silagy is president and CEO of Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., and one of the largest investor-owned electric utilities in the nation. He was appointed president in December 2011 and CEO in May 2014.

Mr. Silagy has worked for NextEra Energy companies for more than a decade. For FPL, he served as senior vice president of regulatory and

state governmental affairs and as chief development officer, managing all generation development, including solar, natural gas and nuclear energy projects. At NextEra Energy Resources, Mr. Silagy served as vice president and general manager of the Southern Region, and vice president of business development.

Prior to joining NextEra Energy, Mr. Silagy served as vice president, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures at Entergy Wholesale Operations, and as vice president and managing director, Southeast Asia, for The Wing Group, a subsidiary of Western Resources. He also worked for U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana in several capacities, including chief of staff.

Mr. Silagy is a member of the board of directors of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Chairman in 2013-2014, and currently serves as the Chairman of the International Business Council. In addition, Mr. Silagy is currently serving a seven-year term as a member of the Board of Governors for the state university system of Florida. He also serves on the Energy Security Leadership Council of Securing America's Future Energy, a bi-partisan council of business and military leaders supporting a comprehensive, long-term policy to reduce U.S. oil dependence and improve energy security. Additionally, Mr. Silagy is an executive board member of Enterprise Florida, Inc., vice chair of the Florida Council of 100 and board member of the Honda Classic PGA Tour event. Mr. Silagy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Texas at Austin, a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and is a member of the Maryland and U.S. Supreme Court bars.

Ilona J. Box
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Ulla Norris
Garrett S. Richter
Ronald N. Riner,
M.D.
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L. Patt Schneider
Elizabeth K. Wessel



Eric M. Verdin, M.D.
*Buck Institute for
Research on Aging
Friday, March 19, 2021*

Dr. Eric Verdin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Buck Institute for Research on Aging. A native of Belgium, Dr. Verdin received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Liege and completed additional clinical and research training at Harvard Medical School. He has held faculty positions at the University of Brussels, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Gladstone

Institute at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Verdin is currently adjunct Professor of Medicine at UCSF and Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California (USC).

Dr. Verdin studies how metabolism, diet, and small molecules impact epigenetic regulatory mechanisms, and thereby the aging process and its associated diseases. He is a highly cited scientist (top 1 percent) and has been recognized for his research with multiple awards including a fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, and Belgium's Royal Academy of Medicine.

The Buck Institute, in the San Francisco Bay Area, is globally recognized as the pioneer and leader in the field of research on aging, the number one risk factor for chronic disease. For more information visit www.buckinstitute.org

2020-2021 SPEAKERS

11-13-2020
Alex Gorskey
Chairman & CEO
Johnson & Johnson

12-4-2020
**Niloofar
Razi Howe**
Nat'l & Cyber Security

1-8-2021
John Bolton
Former U.S.
Ambassador to U.N.

1-22-2021
**Chad A.
Mirkin, Ph.D.**
Dir., Int'l Institute for
Nanotechnology

2-5-2021
**Dariush
Mozaffarian,
M.D.**
Dean, Friedman
School of Nutrition
Science & Policy

2-19-2021
Rahm Emanuel
Former Mayor of
Chicago
Former White House
Chief of Staff

2-26-2021

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FORUM CLUB SPEAKER SELECTION

The Program Committee's goal is to bring the best speakers to the Forum Club. The criteria for the speaker selection requires that each speaker have a reputation as an

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3-5-2021

Eric E. Silagy

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4-2-2021

**Robert
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Owner and Founder
Capital News Co.

4-16-2021

**Brendan
Bechtel**

CEO, Bechtel Corp.

outstanding well-respected leader and role model in his/her area of expertise.

To offer program variety, speakers are selected from the government, corporate, financial, international, media, health care, technology, and other fields.

This year's Program Committee, chaired by President-Elect Susan Jones, has begun its efforts to secure speakers for the next season.

While the Forum Club provides for transportation and hotel expenses, it does not offer its speakers honoraria. The Club encourages all members to assist in securing potential speakers with whom they have contact. If you have a suggestion of a potential speaker, please contact the Forum Club office or Program Committee Chair, Susan Jones.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Forum Club's mission is to:

- *Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, business, economics, finance, government, health, international relations, media and the arts, science and technology*
- *Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards*
- *Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County.*
- *Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students*

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2017-2018

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2016-2017

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2015-2016

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2013-2014

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2012-2013

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2011-2012

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2000-2001

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1999-2000

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1998-1999

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1997-1998

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1996-1997

Donald J. York
1995

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1994

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1993

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1992

Ulla Norris
2010-2011

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2009-2010

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2008-2009

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2007-2008

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2006-2007

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2005-2006

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2004-2005

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2003-2004

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2002-2003

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2001-2002

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1991

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1990

Tom Shea*
1989

Corbin A. Wyant
1988

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1987

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1986

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1985

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