



FLORIDA'S WOMEN IN ENERGY
LEADERSHIP FORUM[®]

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EVOLVE!

Monday, August 31, 2026

11:00 a.m. **Registration**

Location

1:00 p.m. **Welcome Remarks, Lila A. Jaber, Founder, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum**

1:15 p.m. **AABE FL/Duke Energy Foundation FWELF 1st Scholarship Award Announcement, Walette Stanford, President, AABE Florida (confirmed)**

1:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Evolution of Natural Gas to Support Economic Development**
Moderator: Carolyn Bermudez, President, Liberty Utilities Georgia (confirmed)
Mike Cassel, SVP of Strategic Development, Chesapeake Utilities (confirmed)
Joseph Dobrowolski, Marketing and Business Development Manager, Clearwater Gas (confirmed)
Purva Ranganathan, Director, FP&A, Risk, and Regulatory, Florida Natural Gas (confirmed)
Kandi Floyd, Director, External Affairs TECO Peoples Gas (confirmed)
Jorge Herrera, CEO, NoPetro (confirmed)

2:30 p.m. **Presentation of Siemens Energy Impact Tomorrow College Scholarship, Madison O'Connor and Florencia Rodriguez Lamas, Siemens Energy (confirmed)**

2:45 p.m. **Self-Leadership Training (Siemens Energy, Elite Training & 2-Core)**
Elia Gomez, Transformation Project Manager, Siemens Energy (confirmed)
Scott Horton, Principal, Elite Training (confirmed)
Daniel Scherer, Co-Founder, 2Core (confirmed)

4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:20 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Affordability and Promoting Value through Efficiency**
Moderator: Paula Glover, President, Alliance to Save Energy (confirmed)
Dawn Shirreffs, Florida Director, Environmental Defense Fund (confirmed)
Meghan Dewey, SVP Products and Services and Pricing Solutions, Duke Energy (confirmed)

Michael Beckham, General Manager, Lakeland Electric (confirmed)
Katie Guice, Senior Director, Tampa Electric Corporate Strategy (confirmed)
Dawn Nichols, Vice President, Customer Service, Florida Power & Light (confirmed)

5:40 p.m. **Keynote: Evolving Connections: Powering the Future Through People, Technology, and Purpose**, **Bentina Terry**, President and CEO, Southern Linc and Southern Telecom, followed by fireside chat with **Lila Jaber** (confirmed)

Grand Ballroom Foyer

6:30 p.m. **Reception hosted by Gunster**

7:30 p.m. **Dinner (on your own) Please NETWORK**

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast (on your own) Please NETWORK**

Grand Ballroom

8:30 a.m. **Safety Moment** offered by **Sharia Davenport-Spells**, Senior Director, Culture & Organizational Effectiveness, Chesapeake Utilities (confirmed)

8:40 a.m. **Keynote: Harry K. Sideris**, President and CEO, Duke Energy (confirmed) immediately followed by **Fireside Chat facilitated by Melissa Seixas**, President, Duke Energy Florida (confirmed)

9:40 a.m. **AABE FL/Duke Energy Foundation FWELF 2nd Scholarship Award Announcement**, **Walette Stanford**, President, AABE Florida (confirmed)

9:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Energy Evolved to Meet Future Load and Affordability Expectations**
Moderator: Ronald Brisé, Vice President, Arrow Group & Former Chair, Florida Public Service Commission (confirmed)
Jeff Householder, President & CEO, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (confirmed)
Stephanie Badr, CEO, Electric Power Engineers (confirmed)
Rod West, CEO, Algonquin (confirmed)
Curtis Wynn, CEO, SECO Energy (confirmed)

11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:20 a.m. **The Evolution of Correct Craft: A Story of Finance and Leadership**, (confirmed) **Angela Pilkington**, Chief Operating Officer, Correct Craft Introduced by **Gregory Cox**, Triad President, SVP, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Followed by fireside chat with **Erin Smith**, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America (confirmed)

Location

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Lunch and Keynote Speaker: Stan Connally, EVP & COO, Southern Company (confirmed)

Presentation of Florida Natural Gas Scholarships, Awarded by **Kevin Lievsay**, Market Manager, Florida Natural Gas (confirmed)

Location

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session
(confirmed)

Panel Discussion: Girls with Energy & Youth Energy Academy

Moderator: Ana Ortega, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission

Florencia Rodriguez Lamas, Siemens (confirmed)

Walette Stanford, Ethics Officer, JEA, AABE FL (confirmed)

Jasmine Govan, Senior Community Relations Specialist, Florida Power & Light (confirmed)

Mikle Gordon, Manager Products & Services, Duke Energy Florida (confirmed)

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2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Breakout Session

Panel Discussion: New Considerations in an Evolving Workforce

Moderator: Joy Ditto, Joy Ditto Consulting (confirmed)

Amy Goodwin, Senior Director, Florida Renewable Partners and Distributed Technologies (confirmed)

Sandra Guerra, Head of HR, North America, Siemens Energy (confirmed)

Lee Ann Bowers, AVP, HR, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (confirmed)

Quynh Dang, Director of Experiential Learning, UCF (confirmed)

Arshia Khan, Vice President, HR Business Partner, WSP USA Inc. (confirmed)

3:00 p.m.

Coffee and Networking Break

Location

3:30 p.m.

Fireside Chat: EVOLVE: Powering Today, Building Tomorrow

Scott Bores, President and CEO, Florida Power & Light (confirmed)

Brian Bolster, President and CEO, NextEra Energy Resources (confirmed)

Facilitated by **Pam Rauch**, Vice President, External Affairs and Economic Development, Florida Power & Light (confirmed)

4:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Fighting Fire with Fire

Moderator: Julia Hamm, The Ad Hoc Group & Board, Puget Sound Energy

Jennifer Chaney, VP, Operations, NextEra Energy Transmission (confirmed)

Sucheta Lakhani, Head of Utilities Practice, North America, Pano (confirmed)

Indran "Indy" Ratnathicam, Chief Growth Officer, Technosylva (confirmed)

John Higgins, CEO, Resilient Structures (confirmed)

5:30 p.m.

Fireside Chat: Evolution to the Utility C-Suite as A Non-Engineer: Leadership Lessons

Helen Wesley, President & CEO, TECO Peoples Gas (confirmed)

Shannon Pierce, President & CEO, Virginia Natural Gas (confirmed)

Facilitated by: **Lila A. Jaber**, Founder, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum

6:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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6:45 p.m. **FWELF Dinner**

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Location

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

Location

8:00 a.m. **TBA**

8:45 a.m. **Keynote: David A. Wright, Commissioner, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, (confirmed)**

9:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion: The Role of Advanced Nuclear and SMRs in the Evolution of Energy**

Moderator: Mandy Olson, PE, MBA, Burns & McDonnell (confirmed)

Gene Morgan, VP, Nuclear Service, America & Canada, Siemens Energy (confirmed)

Lauren Lathem, Advanced Nuclear Program Manager, Southern Company (confirmed)

Ariel Coreth, PMP, Nuclear Development Project Manager, WSP USA Inc. (confirmed)

Gina Fernandez, VP, Renewable & Nuclear Department Manager, AECOM Energy (confirmed)

10:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Battery Storage: Bridging Reliability, Renewables, and Resilience**

Moderator: Honorable Bobby Payne, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission (confirmed)

Michael Benitez, VP of Engineering, Moss (confirmed)

Gretchen Dolson, SVP, Global Renewables Practice Lead, HDR (confirmed)

Hans Jacob, Director of Renewable Engineering, Duke Energy Florida (confirmed)

10:45 a.m. **Evolution of Customer Experience (Digitization and Use of AI and Other Innovations)**

Moderator: Sandra Ericson, Executive Vice President, Partner, rbb Communications (confirmed)

Michael Doughty, EVP, Allconnect (confirmed)

Jenise Osani, VP, Customer Experience & Sales, OUC (confirmed)

Abhijit Bhatwadekar, SVP and Chief Technology and Administration Officer, Chesapeake Utilities (confirmed)

Karen Sparkman, VP, Customer Experience, Tampa Electric (confirmed)

Hudson Hollister, Founder and CEO, HData (confirmed)

11:45 a.m.

Fireside Chat: Planning a Member Power Supply Portfolio to Meet Evolving Demand and Resiliency

Panelists: Jacob Williams, General Manager and CEO, Florida Municipal Power Agency (confirmed)

Lisa Johnson, CEO and General Manager, Seminole Electric Cooperative (confirmed)

Facilitated by: Honorable Gary Clark, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission (confirmed)

12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn