

# Governor appoints local CEO to Tampa Port Authority

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View of the Port of Tampa from the water

The CEO of a Tampa-based commercial real estate firm is slated to be a new member of the Tampa Port Authority.

Gov. [Ron DeSantis](#) has appointed Harrod Properties Inc. CEO [Chad Harrod](#) to the authority. The four-year term appointment is to be confirmed by the Florida Senate.

Harrod serves on the boards of Dex Imaging Inc., the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Academy Prep Center of Tampa, St. Mary's Episcopal Day School, the Florida Chapter of The Young Presidents Organization and the Florida Council of 100, according to the governor's Tuesday announcement.

His company has developed over 17 million square feet of office, industrial and medical properties in Florida, Texas, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Since joining the company as president and CEO in 2002, he has focused on the active management and oversight of the company, corporate advancement, strategic planning and client relations.

Prior to joining Harrod Properties, he worked in the investment banking division at J.P. Morgan in Atlanta and New York City.

The appointment follows the news of [multiple Port Tampa Bay executives resigning from their positions](#) in a three-month period.