



An Update from the Central Florida Development Council

Polk County's Economic Development Partnership

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



As we reflect on the past year, we are thankful for the support of our investors and countless partners. We look forward to working with you in the year to come as we promote **Polk County** as **Florida's Best Place to for Business**.

Wishing you a very merry holiday season and a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

Check out more photos from the CFDC Holiday
Reception

INVESTOR MEMBER VISIONING



Thank you to all who attended the [Investor Member Visioning Retreat](#). Results from the retreat will be compiled and shared with the CFDC Board and Investors. This retreat is only the beginning of the conversation about how we shape the economic prosperity of Polk County.

IN THE NEWS

[IKEA Warehouse in Lakeland to Employ 200](#)

[New Lakeland Aviation Company to Serve Global Business](#)

[Opportunity Zones Open New Door for Investment in Polk](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation rates for [Polk County Public Schools](#) rises over 80 percent.

[SEU announces Forum](#) speakers to include Bill Rancic & Giuliana Rancic, Carla Harris, Horst Schulze, Jon Gordon, Rep. Dennis A. Ross, Kent Ingle and many more.

[Florida citrus](#) crop shows strong stability

If you have news you want to share in our monthly newsletter please send headlines and links to lindsay@cfdc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 16

CFDC Community Stakeholders Committee Meeting
3:00 PM, Winter Haven Municipal Airport, Winter Haven

Fri., Jan. 25

CFDC Competitiveness & Advocacy Committee Meeting
9:00 AM, Citizens Bank & Trust, Bartow

Mon., Jan. 28

CFDC/Polk Vision Education & Talent Pipeline Committee Meeting
11:00 AM, BB&T, Bartow

Tues., Feb. 12

February Board Meeting

3:00 PM, C&C Cabinetry, Davenport

Tues., Feb. 12

February Investor Meeting

4:00 PM, C&C Cabinetry, Davenport

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Events](#)



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