

Michael T. Boylan

Michael joined WJCT Public Broadcasting as its CEO in May of 1999 with the responsibility of overseeing the day to day operation of the organization and its long range plans and goals and served in that capacity until December 2017.

During his tenure WJCT completed the federally mandated transition to digital television in May 2003, not only broadcasting in high definition but increasing its number of television channels from one to five with the 2017 launch of the 24 hour PBS Kids Channel. In 2006 WJCT introduced the first full-powered HD radio station on the First Coast and subsequently added two more HD radio services...**89.9HD Arts** and **Relax Radio**. Under his leadership WJCT forged numerous community partnerships and initiated the development of a wealth of local programs and outreach initiatives, including the very popular daily call-in program **First Coast Connect**. In 2013 Michael took the lead in forging the **Digital Convergence Alliance**, made up of eleven public television stations from around the country, the goal of the **DCA** is to develop initiatives that result in significant operational savings and the generation of new revenue opportunities for its members. The first such venture was the creation a broadcast operations service that is now providing more than 17 million households in thirteen cities with public television programming, emanating from Jacksonville.

He has served on numerous community boards including the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra; Community Health Charities; the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida as well as Leadership Jacksonville where for three years he served as the Chair of the LJ Program and the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America where he chaired the Council's Centennial Celebration Steering Committee. In 2009-10 he served as Chair for the City's Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force and Mayor Curry's transition team in 2015. Michael currently serves on the steering committee for *Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville's Future* as well as the boards of St. Vincent's Healthcare, Visit Jacksonville and Yoga 4 Change. In addition to serving as the Chairman of the Northeast Florida Long Term Recovery Organization (NFLTRO) he is the Chair of Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville. In 2016 he was honored by OneJax with its Silver Medallion Humanitarian Award and is currently a candidate for City Council District 6, serving the Mandarin area.

Michael is a graduate of John Carroll University and received his Master's degree in Telecommunications from Kent State University. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for forty-three years; have two grown children, one grandson and one granddaughter.

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Abbreviated Version w/NFLTO Focus

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