

Office: City of Naples Airport Authority Seat 5



Keith West

Candidate's Statement as taken from CollierVotes.com

Keith West is a lifelong aviator. During high school, he worked weekends as a “line boy” at the small local airport to pay for flight training. He soloed an aircraft and fuel truck at 16, before he had soloed a car. After earning his pilot’s license at 17, he received nominations to the U.S Air Force Academy and U.S. Naval Academy.

Keith accepted the appointment to Annapolis. Upon graduation he completed primary pilot training in Pensacola and jet training in Meridian, Mississippi. He was assigned Oceana, Virginia, flying the A-6 Intruder.

Upon completing his naval service, Keith started an early Internet based travel reservation service. When he sold that business, he was elected to the school board of Richmond, Virginia. After more than 25 years of flying, Keith earned his flight instructor certificate and took over management of a regional flight school in Richmond. That led to a position as Senior Director of Flight School Business Support at the world's largest general aviation organization, the Aircraft Owner’s and Pilot’s Association, where he worked closely advising flight schools across the country.

In 2021, Keith acquired Rexair, a flight school based at Naples Airport since 1999. Rexair is a Platinum Cirrus Training Center, training pilots on the number one selling Cirrus aircraft. Rexair trains a number of scholarship high school students each year, preparing them for professional pilot careers.

From 2022-23, Keith was the Naples representative for the AOPA Airport Support Network. He is a member of The Friends of Naples Airport and founded and serves as president of the Naples Airport Tenants' Council, where he advocates for the Naples Airport community. Keith is a board member of the National Flight Training Alliance, an industry advocacy group. He is a full time resident of Naples along with his wife Stacey, who is an aircraft finance executive, and son Colin, who is a flight instructor at Rexair.