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## **DAVID EPSTEIN AND MARCUS MCCARTHY JOIN PELICAN HARBOR SEABIRD STATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **Representatives of Three Opinions and Deeks Foundations**
  - **PHSS states goal of Nine Million Dollar Expansion**

Miami, FL – Internationally recognized CEO David Epstein of the Three Opinions Foundation takes the helm of the four decades old Pelican Harbor Seabird Station (**PHSS**) as the incoming Chairman of the Board. Mr. Epstein is a Sunny Isles resident and became involved with the Seabird Station in 2019. Previously he was CEO of Novartis Pharmaceuticals AG and most recently has been supporting the startup of innovative biotechnology companies working toward improving human health. His leadership and governance skills will further accelerate PHSS as we build out our new 2.6-acre riverfront preserve.

Additionally, Marcus McCarthy of the Deeks Foundation has stepped into the role of Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. McCarthy has been a donor for over five years and joined the board in 2019. He brings a wide breadth of knowledge in construction management, which is crucial at this time of great change for the Seabird Station. The Deeks Foundation is funding roughly a third of the new Wildlife Hospital and Education Center and has earmarked \$1.4 Million of their gift as a matching grant to serve as a catalyst for fundraising.

“It’s my great pleasure to step into the role of Chairman for this critically important and respected organization. I look forward to working with the Board and Staff to build upon past success and help grow PHSS into an internationally recognized and world-class organization”, said Epstein. Vice-Chairman Marcus McCarthy stated, “the Deeks Foundation focuses on the protection of the needy and vulnerable. This includes wildlife, animal conservation, and protection. When we met Chris and visited Pelican Harbor Seabird Station, we knew we wanted to get involved in furthering their cause and helping them with this amazing new facility.”

Co-Founder Harry Kelton, along with veterinarians Dr. Jim McCoy, DVM, and Dr. Julia Zaias, DVM, have become Lifetime Honorary Directors along with Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Court Harvey Ruvin. Pelican Harbor Seabird Station has a long history of dedicated leadership, and we are grateful to see have these wildlife champions serve in this new capacity. We are also grateful to outgoing board members Carol Keyes, Esq., Katie Comer, Ph.D., Astrid Garcia for their years of service.

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