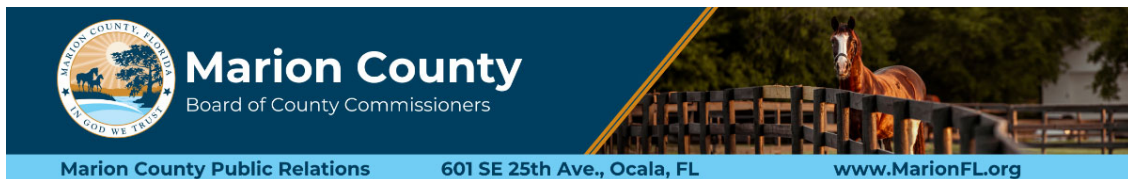


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## Commissioner Stone Appointed to the Institute for County Government Board of Directors



Marion County Commission Chair Michelle Stone was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Institute for County Government (ICG). The Board of Directors were elected by their

peers and will serve a two-year term.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Marion County while helping to educate the next generation of county commissioners," said County Commission Chair Michelle Stone. "Through the Certified County Commissioner program, ICG upholds one of the most important aspects of local government; home rule."

ICG's Board of Directors oversees the implementation and development of new initiatives and expands the Institute's educational curriculum. They also support the Institute by directing various administrative functions.

"As we welcome our new board, I am confident their collective expertise and vision will guide ICG into a new era of growth and innovation," shares Eric Poole, Executive Director of ICG. "Their leadership will be instrumental in expanding our educational programs and empowering local leaders with the tools they need to excel."

During their two-year term, the new board will work on enhancing educational offerings through expansion of the Certified County Commissioner program, ensuring that county leaders have access to the most up-to-date resources and training.

To learn more about ICG and their education programs, please visit [www.flicg.com](http://www.flicg.com).

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