



## **Kathy Baughman McLeod**

### **Commissioner**

*Term: December 1, 2008 - September 30,  
2010*



Ms. Baughman McLeod serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to Alex Sink, Florida's Chief Financial Officer, a statewide elected member of the Florida Cabinet responsible for \$20 billion in the Florida Treasury, one of three trustees overseeing \$130 billion in state investments and retirement funds, and the leader of the 2,400-employee Florida Department of Financial Services. Ms. Baughman McLeod's responsibilities include policy development and execution related to the Florida Treasury, State Board of Administration, and the financial aspects of climate change, Florida's Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, the My Safe Florida Home mitigation program, the Healthy Kids Corporation and the acquisition and stewardship of conservation lands.

She has led several initiatives for CFO Sink. Most recently, Ms. Baughman McLeod led the initiative that resulted in Florida's being the first Treasury in the nation to formally analyze climate risks in the Treasury portfolio. In addition, she directed Florida's participation at the UN Foundation Investors' Summit on Climate Risk in spring 2008. In December 2007, Ms. Baughman McLeod attended the UN Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia, as a delegate to an observing organization. She orchestrated a climate change, insurance and financial services tour of United Kingdom in November 2007 and three workshops titled "Conversations on Climate Change" with the Governor and Florida Cabinet, a CEO Roundtable on Clean Energy and Florida Business. In addition, Ms. Baughman McLeod organized an exchange with the Dutch Ministry of Transport and Water Management on financing climate change adaptation strategies along with the CFO's participation in a BBC World-televised debate on business and sustainability reporting at the Global Reporting Initiative Conference in Amsterdam in May 0f 2008.

Long involved in the public sector, Ms. Baughman McLeod is the former principal of Healthy Development, Inc., a national environmental health

consulting firm and of Baughman McLeod Associates, a Florida-based government and public affairs consultancy serving the interests of non-profit clients. As co-founder of Healthy Development, Ms. Baughman McLeod worked with the Centers for Disease Control on advancing an innovative methodology, Health Impact Assessment, to analyze the health and economic impacts of an 800 megawatt coal-fired power plant in Florida.

As the Program Director of the Florida Communities Trust at the Florida Department of Community Affairs, she administered a \$66 million annual grant program for local governments for the acquisition and creation of community parks, open space and trails related to the Florida Growth Management Act. She has held positions with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, The Nature Conservancy, and The Trust for Public Land. As the Director of Government Affairs for the Trust for Public Land, she led the legislative advocacy and public finance initiatives for the organization's nine-state, southeast region.

She holds a BS in International Affairs and an MS in Geography, both from Florida State University. She is a board member of Leadership Florida and a member of Class XXV, a director of the Florida Council for Sustainability at the Collins Center for Public Policy, and a member of the national board of advisors of the Children & Nature Network.