



John Ellis “Jeb” Bush Former Florida Governor



Jeb Bush is the president of Jeb Bush and Associates, a consulting firm. He served as the 43rd governor of the state of Florida from January 1999 until January 2007. He was the third Republican elected to the state’s highest office and the only Republican in the state’s history to be re-elected.

As governor, Mr. Bush championed Medicaid reform and education and co-founded Florida’s first charter school. His “A+ Plan” established mandatory standardized tests in Florida’s public schools, eliminated social promotion and created a system of funding public schools based on a statewide grading system. During his tenure as governor, Mr. Bush approved three new medical schools and proposed the “One Florida” initiative, which effectively ended affirmative action at state universities. On environmental issues, Mr. Bush signed legislation to protect the Florida Everglades and opposed federal plans for offshore oil drilling along the Florida coast.

Prior to his election as governor, Mr. Bush worked as a real estate executive and pursued other entrepreneurial ventures in Florida from 1981 to 1998, and served as Florida’s Secretary of Commerce from 1987 to 1988.

Before 1981, Mr. Bush served in various positions at Texas Commerce Bank in Houston, Texas, and in Caracas, Venezuela. He formed and serves as chairman of the Foundation for Florida’s Future, a not-for-profit public policy organization that strives to better prepare children for school and for careers in the global economy, and the Foundation for Excellence in Education, a not-for-profit charitable organization whose mission is to promote national education reform.

In 1996, Mr. Bush co-authored *Profiles in Character*, a book highlighting 14 of Florida’s civic heroes.

Mr. Bush currently serves on the board of directors of three public companies: Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE:THC), Swisher Hygiene Inc. (NASDAQ:SWSH), a leading provider of hygiene products and services, and Rayonier Inc. (NYSE:RYN), one of the largest private timberland owners in the U.S. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Latin American affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Bush was elected to Tenet’s board of directors in April 2007. He is a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Quality, Compliance and Ethics Committee.