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Business Advocacy Committee
Candidate Interview Summary

LEON COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS GROWTH	INNOVATION, EDUCATION & WORKFORCE	HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE
GTCC POLICY STATEMENT	Recruit, retain and grow the employers that drive wages and investment.	Turn research into companies and align talent with high-growth sectors.	Build the housing, permitting and systems a competitive region requires.
DAVID T. O'KEEFE (INCUMBENT)	Believes improvements could be made to the Office of Economic Vitality to make it more efficient and responsive. Tallahassee needs to expand warehousing and building capacity.	As a commissioner, he would focus on skilled trades and apprenticeships for future job growth. Access to childcare and affordability of housing are two major issues facing our workforce.	He believes we should explore converting commercial uses into multifamily housing within City limits. He is not in favor of expanding the Urban Service Area and prioritizes retaining the rural environment.
DAVID T. HAWKINS	Did not participate.	Did not participate.	Did not participate.

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