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## Gulf Winds Selects Stephen Whiting as Director in Training

**Pensacola, Florida (August 9, 2023)** — Gulf Winds Credit Union is pleased to announce the selection of Stephen Whiting, Executive Director of Technology Operations at Pensacola State College, as the newest Director in Training for the Board of Directors. As a Director in Training, Whiting will play a vital role in guiding the management of the Credit Union in support of members' financial needs.

Whiting has over three decades of experience in finance and technology. Prior to his current role at Pensacola State College, he was a database administrator at Pace Energy Solutions, Inc. and had his own consulting company, Whiting Enterprises, that focused on tax collecting, software administration, web development, and human resources. Before that, he served as senior accountant at the Escambia County Florida Tax Collector's Office. Whiting is a graduate of the University of West Florida and holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He is also a Certified Government Finance Officer.

"Stephen brings broad experience from an impressive career in finance and technology to the Gulf Winds board," said Daniel Souers, Gulf Winds Credit Union President and CEO. "We were impressed by his passion as well as his skills in strategic planning, project management, and budget oversight."

The selection of Whiting to director in training represents his second official appointment to a local credit union leadership role. Whiting returns with previous service from the Escambia County Employees Credit Union (ECECU), which merged into Gulf Winds in 2007. With ECECU, Stephen served on the supervisory committee, board of directors, and on the merger team.

"I am honored and excited about the appointment as a Director in Training," said Stephen. "I wholeheartedly believe in the credit union movement and look forward to contributing my expertise to the success of our organization, serving our members with dedication and integrity."

### About Gulf Winds:

Since 1954, Gulf Winds Credit Union has offered products and services that *Move Members Forward*. Gulf Winds provides 82,000+ members with the convenience of 13 branch locations, digital banking, nationwide surcharge-free ATMs and the support of more than 230 knowledgeable employees committed to providing excellent service. Membership is open to anyone that lives, works, worships or attends school in North Florida, Southern Alabama and Southern Georgia. Visit [GoGulfWinds.com](http://GoGulfWinds.com) for more information.

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