



Commissioner Doug Bankson

Commissioner Doug Bankson was elected to Apopka City Council in April 2016. Along with serving on the City Council, Commissioner Bankson serves as president and senior pastor of Victory Church World Outreach Center in Apopka.

Commissioner Bankson has a passion for public service and fiscal responsibility, and has a deep love for the City of Apopka and its citizens. Since moving to Apopka in 1995 to pioneer a church with his wife Jeri Bankson, Commissioner Bankson has been actively involved with the local community. He has served in various roles including past Chairman of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, a current Chaplain for the Apopka Police Department, as well as serving on various local planning committees. Commissioner Bankson is also a member of the Apopka Christian Ministerial Alliance having previously served as President, and has played an integral part in putting on many signature events in the city, working closely with civic, private, and non-profit organizations.

Commissioner Bankson has experience in building and development from home construction to renovation. Employing over 40 people, he also has business and management experience including a successful daycare, school, and adult education. Commissioner Bankson has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Theology and received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity.

In addition to his community involvement, Commissioner Bankson is a pilot, certified scuba diver, accomplished songwriter, producer and author, receiving an Addy Award for vocals on radio. He has also hosted a weekly radio and television program in the greater Orlando Area. Commissioner Bankson has traveled and ministered in 49 states and 11 foreign nations, including Africa, Eastern Europe and the Philippines.

Doug and Jeri Bankson have four grown children, Benjamin, Joseph, Michael, and Victoria. All of their children are actively involved in both local ministry and the community.

Commissioner Bankson's record of community involvement and service also includes:

- Chairman of the Board, Apopka Chamber of Commerce, 2010-2011
- Board Member, Apopka Chamber of Commerce, 2008-Present
- Chaplain, Apopka Police Department, 2014-Present
- Chaplain, AHS Football Team, 2011
- President, Apopka Christian Ministerial Alliance, 2011
- Treasurer, Apopka Christian Ministerial Alliance, 2007-2009
- Member, Insight 2025 Committee, 2007
- Member, City of Apopka Independence Day Planning Committee, 2002, 2003, 2004
- Member, Apopka City Planning Committee, 2001

Commissioner Bankson has attended the following educational courses and seminars:

- Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO), Basic Course, January 2017
- Leadership Apopka, Inaugural Class, 2008
- Leadership Roundtable Training Seminars, 6 CEU Leadership Training

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