



**Candidate Questionnaire – Naples Airport Authority
November 2026 General Election**

Deadline: Sept. 21, 2026

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1. Full name as you'd like it to appear, and age. (25 words)

John Goede, 54

2. Where were you born or raised, and how long have you lived in Collier County? (50 words)

I was born in Pennsylvania and I have lived in Collier County since 1998.

3. Education: institution(s) attended and field of study. (25 words)

University of Florida, Economics. I also received my Juris Doctorate in Law.

4. Current occupation and employer, and a brief summary of relevant work experience. (75 words)

I am an attorney at Goede, DeBoest & Cross, PLLC. I practice real estate law as well as aviation law. I am also a business owner, which combines the relevant experience to serve on the airport authority board.

5. Any prior public service, elected or appointed positions, board or committee memberships, or civic/volunteer work relevant to this race — including any involvement with the Naples Airport Authority or its advisory committees. (75 words)

I serve or have served on several non – profit boards. Including Naples International Film Festival, Naples Group and Haven on Earth animal shelter.

6. Do you hold a pilot's certificate, aircraft ownership, or other direct connection to Naples Airport (tenant, employee, business owner on the field, etc.)? Please describe briefly. (50 words)

I took flight training in Naples at Europe American Aviation, but I am not a pilot. Additionally, I am an owner of a Falcon 50 jet airplane. As an aircraft owner, I have a personal, firsthand understanding of airport operations, safety, and the needs of the aviation community.

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7. What are your top three or four priorities if elected, and why? (200 words)

I am running for the seat because I feel I can bring business, legal, and aviation experience to the board. Additionally, I want to continue the high standard of operations for airport safety and keep it at its current location. I also would like to open the airport to commercial airline services. Accepting state and federal money is a priority, as it will help with the necessary upgrades and the repair of the airport.

8. Name one decision or policy of the Naples Airport Authority in the last several years that you disagreed with, and explain why. (125 words)

The Naples Airport Authority rejected between \$8 million and \$9 million in Federal Aviation Administration and state grants. I disagree with that conduct, as that money is needed for vital repairs and upgrades to the airport. These grants are necessary to fulfill the safety commitment that the NAA has implemented.

9. Name one decision or action by the Naples Airport Authority in the last several years that you supported and would want to see continued. (125 words)

NAA Board prioritizes safety as its primary governing directive, operating under a data-driven Safety Management System (SMS). The NAA integrated a formal Safety Management System (SMS) ahead of federal mandates. I want to continue this proactive commitment to safety.

10. Any endorsements you'd like listed. (list format, no limit)

Pat Dearborn, Greater Naples Fire Commissioner

Dan Kowal, Collier County Commissioner

Brian Cross, Greater Naples Fire Commissioner

11. Campaign website and any active social media accounts.

Flywithgoede.com

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