Meet the Speaker

Clayton Levins

Clayton Levins is the Executive Director of Smart North Florida. He brings specialties in tri-sector experience, having worked in government, non-profit, and private sectors to further the mission of Smart North Florida: *To enhance North Florida’s quality of life through regional collaboration, data coordination, and smart technology.*

Clayton began his career in community development and government relations roles at Jacksonville University and then the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce. While at these positions he was able to work to establish a Community Redevelopment Area for Jacksonville’s Arlington neighborhood, work with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to receive its 2018 $25 million BUILD Grant from the US Department of Transportation, and become ingrained in the region’s growing “Smart Cities” programs. These projects, and many more, cemented his passion for the region’s success.

After leaving the public sector, Clayton worked in strategic innovation for the Haskell Company, a global architectural, engineering, and construction firm. While at Haskell he worked to enhance the company’s innovation culture by scaling new products/services to clients and piloting technologies from startups in the architectural, engineering, and construction technology ecosystem.

Clayton’s passion for regional development was always at the front of mind as he worked at Haskell. When the opportunity to build on the foundation for Smart North Florida came, it couldn’t be passed up.