



**Slate of Nominees to the  
Board of Directors  
April 24, 2021**

***In compliance with the council bylaws, the members of the Board of Directors are placed into a “class” when elected. The class indicates when their term expires. The year their service began is indicated, as well. Members are eligible for 2 consecutive 3-year terms.***

***Members rolling off the Board of Directors in 2021 include Wanda Russell and Candie Simmons. We have regretfully accepted the resignation of Board Members Joni McClain and Steve Seale.***

***Members of the Class of 2021 who are eligible for a second 3-year term and are submitted for reelection are: Sarah Palmer, Dan Robinson, Wanda Robinson and Connie Moran.***

***The following individuals comprise the slate of nominees to replace the four board members who have fulfilled their terms. They will be placed in the Class of 2024.***

Meredith Aldridge is the Executive Director of the Office of Development at the University Mississippi Medical Center. She was formerly the director of development for Children’s of Mississippi Hospital and is a past president of the Junior League of Jackson. She has been recognized as one of the Mississippi Business Journal’s 50 Leading Business Women. A native of Marietta, Georgia, Aldridge is a graduate of Mississippi State University and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. She spent more than a decade at the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. After leaving government service, she was a director with the national law firm of Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC. Meredith lives in Fondren with her husband and 2 children.

Henry Michel is active in the family commercial real estate agency, J Walter Michel. He received a degree in real estate from the University of Mississippi in 1986. After a tenure in the real estate department of the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., Henry joined the firm where he today concentrates on property management and brokerage. He is very active in the community, serving on several boards and a civic club. Henry oversees the acquisition of small office/retail properties.

Cathy Lott Northington is the Senior Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer for (MEC)Mississippi Economic Council \ State Chamber Commerce. She facilitates the second-oldest leadership program in the United States, Leadership Mississippi. Northington volunteers her time with multiple organizations, including the Junior League of Jackson, United Way of the Capitol Area and the Real Foundation. She has been recognized as Savvy Magazine’s 2016 Leader of Year, Our Mississippi Magazine’s 2018 Business Woman of the Year, the Women’s Fund 2018 Business Woman of the Year, and a Mississippi Business Journal’s 2014 Fifty Leading Business She is a native of Jackson and received her degree from University of Georgia. She now lives in Madison with her 3 children.

Pam Ware most recently served as the Director of Operational Process and Efficiencies for Renasant Bank. She began her career with Union Planters Bank, following her graduation from Mississippi State University. She spent the majority of her career as the Chief Operations Officer with Metropolitan Bank. Ware serves on the Board of Directors for Southern Financial Exchange and was the past chair for the Mississippi Bankers Association Women in Banking Committee. She also serves on the Board of Directors for The Salvation Army, is the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County Crown Club Chair and is a Circle of Red Member for the American Heart Association. Ms. Ware was honored as an award recipient of the Top Ten Leading Business Women in Mississippi (2015), Top 50 Under 40 (2017), and Leaders in Finance (2017) by the Mississippi Business Journal. Pam lives in Madison with daughter, Holly.

The current Board of Directors classes are as follows:

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>
<i>Sarah Palmer-1st term</i> <i>Dan Robinson -1st term</i> <i>Robin Robinson -1st term</i> <i>Connie Moran -1st term</i>	<i>Gloria Johnson -2<sup>nd</sup> term</i> <i>Charlotte Seals -1st term</i> <i>Jennifer Hall -1st term</i> <i>Cindy Hollingsworth -1st term</i> <i>Betty Mallett -1st term</i> <i>Trace Swatzfager -1st term</i>	<i>Laura Hearn -1st term</i> <i>Lauren McGraw-1st term</i> <i>Barbara Travis -1st term</i> <i>Ron Mumbower-1st term</i> <i>Janice Brown -2nd term</i> <i>Dr. Janice Touchstone-2nd term</i>	<i>*Sarah Palmer -2nd term</i> <i>*Dan Robinson -2nd term</i> <i>*Robin Robinson -2nd term</i> <i>*Connie Moran -2nd term</i>

*\*Board of Directors current members whose 1<sup>st</sup> term has expired and who are being nominated for a second term.*

***EXCERPTS FROM GSGMS Bylaws for the Girls, adopted 08.11.18 are offered below in regard to the Board Development Committee and Board of Directors terms of office. The bylaws document in its entirety may be viewed on the council website.***

**ARTICLE VII – BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Membership and Relationship to Board**

*The Board Development Committee shall be composed of seven committee members, three of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors and four of whom shall not be members of the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, one of the three members from the Board of Directors elected to serve on the Board Development Committee may be the immediate past Chair of the Board Development Committee even though no longer elected to the Board of Directors. Between meetings of the Council, the Board Development Committee shall work with and report to the Board of Directors. The number of elected Board of Director members on the Board Development Committee may not exceed the number of non-Board of Director members.*

**Section 2. Election, Term, and Vacancies**

- A. *The Committee members shall be elected by the Council in accordance with Article VIII of these Bylaws for a term of three years or until their successors are elected and assume office, and may serve for up to two full terms, or until their successors are elected and assume office.*
- B. *The Board Development Committee shall be organized into three classes as nearly equal as possible in number, with each class consisting of one current member of the Board of Directors whose term of service on the Board of Directors will not expire before the conclusion of their term of office on the Board Development Committee.*
- C. *Terms of office shall begin at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.*

## **ARTICLE IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 2. Composition and Term of Office**

*The Board of Directors shall be composed of up to twenty-one members.*

*The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for terms of three years, arranged in three equal classes with the term of one class expiring at each Annual Meeting of the Council; however, a Director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified, despite the expiration of that Director's term, and Directors are eligible to serve for up to two consecutive full terms or until their successors are elected and assume office.*

*Directors elected by the Members to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall hold office for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting at which the term of the class to which they shall have been elected expires. No individual shall serve more than two consecutive full terms as a Director and must not serve for one year before being eligible to serve again as a Director. A Director who has served more than half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term for purposes of eligibility for re-election.*

### ***Respectfully Submitted by Board Development Committee***

#### **Members include:**

Mary Hill – Chair

Kearn Cherry

Katie Feibelman

Monica Harrigill

Kimberla Little

Joseph Sclafani

Charlotte Seals