



GSGMS Slate of Nominees

April 25, 2026

Board of Directors Board Development Committee

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 begins is indicated, as well. Members are eligible for 2 consecutive 3-year terms.

Members fulfilling terms and therefore rolling off the Board of Directors in 2026 include **Laura Hearn, Lauren McGraw, and Barbara Travis.**

Rosa Beckett was elected and completed the final year of Dr. Ron Mumbower’s second term (2025-2026). **Rosa Beckett** is eligible to serve a new term **(2026-2029)** .

Members of the Class of 2026 who are eligible for a second 3-year term and are submitted for reelection are **Roxanne Case. (2026-2029).**

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 (2026-2029).

Rosa M. Beckett

Rosa M. Beckett was appointed the new CEO of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) in May 2023. Beckett brings more than 30 years of leadership experience to her role, including over 22 years in executive positions within airports and transportation. She currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Airports Council International North America (ACI-NA) Small Airports Committee. Since relocating to Jackson, Mississippi, Ms. Beckett has been active in the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership, Greater Jackson Alliance, East Metro Corridor Commission, West Rankin Utility Authority Board of Directors, and the Mississippi Airports Association. She is a graduate of the 2024 Leadership Mississippi Program. She is a

member of College Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, under Pastor Chauncy Jordon. Ms. Beckett earned her Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Human Resources Management (MHRM) from the University of North Florida Coggin College of Business. She also earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications. An avid football fan, she enjoys traveling and is the mother of two daughters, Summer Rose and Jasmine Skyy Beckett.

Jamie Woods-Dull

Jamie Woods-Dull is a dedicated community advocate and philanthropic leader who has spent more than 25 years living and serving in Rankin County. She and her husband, Jake, are the owners of AllPro Clean, and they reside in Flowood, Mississippi. The couple are active members of Pinelake Church.

Jamie is deeply involved in several nonprofit organizations across Mississippi and has a strong track record of leadership and fundraising. She currently serves on the Protector's Circle Committee for the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi, where she has been involved since 2023.

She is also an active member of the Circle of Red with the American Heart Association and has served on the committee since 2022. In 2025, Jamie was honored as a Woman of Impact for the American Heart Association, raising more than \$60,000 during the organization's nine-week campaign to support heart health and research.

In 2023, Jamie was recognized as Make-A-Wish Mississippi's W.I.S.H. Society Woman of the Year, raising more than \$30,000 during the campaign to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Jamie also spent 14 years actively fundraising for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and previously served on its Board of Directors. She continues her commitment to community service as a Sustainer with the Junior League of Jackson.

Her ongoing philanthropic work includes serving on the 2026 Executive Leadership Team Committee for the Go Red Luncheon with the American Heart Association, the 2026 Tickled Pink Committee for the American Cancer Society, and the 2026 Wild for a Cure Committee benefiting Blood Cancer United.

Through her leadership, fundraising success, and passion for service, Jamie remains committed to strengthening organizations that improve the health and well-being of families and communities across Mississippi.

Carla Kirkland

Kirkland is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Kirkland Group, an industry-leading educational consulting firm that provides professional support to school districts. A nationally known educator distinguished by service in the classroom and community, she has led one of Mississippi's most successful firms for over 25 years.

Drawing on decades of teaching and administrative experience, Carla is a co-founder of the Cleveland Empowerment Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers educational and vocational training to low-income, at-risk Mississippians.

Additionally, she was recently appointed to the Woodward Hines Board of Directors, serves as Vice Chair of the Alcorn State University Foundation Board, and chairs the Alcorn State Women's Business Center Board. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., The Links, Inc., and Jack and Jill of America Associate's Group.

She is a cross-generational mentor who has made an indelible impact on leaders throughout the nation.

Kirkland is the co-author of three books.

Kirkland received her Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Alcorn State University and a Master of Science in Teaching degree from Jackson State University.

She is a graduate of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program. She was recognized as one of Mississippi's Most Influential African Americans, named a Woman of Distinction Laureate by the Girl Scouts of America, and honored as a Woman of Courage by Alcorn State University.

Kirkland enjoys spending time with family and counts among her greatest privileges as being the wife of the late Malcolm Kirkland, Sr., the mother of Alexia and the late Malcolm, Jr., and the grandmother of Collin.

Mary Taylor, MD

Suzan B. Thames Chair of Pediatrics

Chief Executive Officer, Children's and Women's Hospitals

Children's and Women's Hospitals chief executive officer and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Dr. Mary Taylor, is a native Mississippian and a deeply rooted advocate for pediatric care in her home state. A graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, she has dedicated much of her career to advancing children's health in Mississippi.

Taylor completed her residency in pediatrics and fellowships in pediatric cardiology and pediatric critical care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, then undertook a senior clinical fellowship in the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Boston Children's Hospital. She also earned a Master of Science in clinical investigation from Vanderbilt.

Before returning to Mississippi in 2011, Taylor spent a decade on the faculty at Vanderbilt, where she played a key role in creating the Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Unit. At UMMC, Taylor co-directed the Congenital Heart Program, established a Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Children's of Mississippi and led the expansion of the ECMO program to support critically ill patients with cardiac and respiratory failure.

In December 2017, Taylor made history as the first woman and first UMMC alumna to become chair of the Department of Pediatrics – a role in which she has guided strategic planning, education, research and patient care. Under her leadership, the department has grown to more than 300 pediatric providers across 39 specialties.

During her tenure, Taylor has been instrumental in the development and expansion of the Children's of Mississippi campus, including the groundbreaking and opening of the state-of-the-art Kathy and Joe Sanderson Tower, which more than doubled clinical space for pediatric care. In addition, she worked to develop a network of care through outreach locations throughout the state.

As CEO of Children's of Mississippi, Taylor leverages her clinical expertise, administrative leadership and commitment to the health and well-being of Mississippi's children. She is deeply invested in fostering innovation, training the next generation of pediatricians, advancing research and strengthening community partnerships- to ensure that every child in Mississippi has access to world-class care close to home.

The Board of Directors classes are as follows:

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
<p><i>Janice Brown</i> <i>Dr. Janice Brown</i></p>	<p><i>Connie Moran</i> <i>Sarah Palmer</i> <i>Dan Robinson</i> <i>Kearn Cherry</i> <i>Robin Robinson</i></p>	<p><i>Charlotte Seals</i> <i>Jennifer Hall</i> <i>Cindy Hollingsworth</i> <i>Betty Mallet</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Begins <i>Kimberla Little</i> <i>Dr. Robert Lockett</i> <i>Roxanne Case</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Begins <i>Dr. Denise Cherry</i> <i>Dr. Cindy Karlson</i> <i>Josh Thrash</i> <i>Dr. Catherine Watson</i> <i>Derick Vance</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Begins <i>Angela Herzog</i> <i>Erica W. Jones</i> <i>Nakimuli Davis-Primer</i> <i>Dan Robinson</i></p>
<p>1st Term Begins <i>Kimberla Little</i> <i>Dr. Robby Lockett</i></p>	<p>1st Term Begins <i>Denise Cherry</i> <i>Cindy Karlson</i> <i>Josh Thrash</i> <i>Cathy Watson</i> <i>Derick Vance</i></p>	<p>1st Term (Proposed) <i>Angela Herzog</i> <i>Erica W. Jones</i> <i>Nakimuli D. Primer</i> <i>Dan Robinson</i></p>			
<p>2nd Term Begins <i>Laura Hearn</i> <i>Lauren McGraw</i> <i>Dr. Ron Mumbower</i> <i>Barbara Travis</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Begins <i>Meredith Aldridge</i> <i>Henry Michel</i> <i>Pam Ware</i> <i>Cathy L. Northington</i> <i>Dr. Capucine Robinson</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Begins <i>Mary Hill*</i> <i>Tina Lakey*</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Ends <i>Laura Hearn</i> <i>Lauren McGraw</i> <i>Barbara Travis</i> <i>Ron Mumbower</i> <i>Rosa Beckett</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Ends <i>Meredith Aldridge</i> <i>Henry Michel</i> <i>Pam Ware</i> <i>Dr. Capucine Robinson</i></p>	<p>2nd Term Ends <i>Mary Hill</i> <i>Tina Lakey</i></p>

***First class began 2022.**

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

One Board Development Committee Member, **Monica Harrigill**, will fulfill her term therefore rolling off the Board Development Committee in 2026. A nominee is presented to replace the one BDC member who has fulfilled her term. One BDC member of the Class of 2026 is eligible for a second 3-year term for reelection.

Loraleigh Phillips is presented to fill the vacant position on the Board Development Committee. The first term for this Board Development Committee member is 2026-2029.

Joseph Sclafani was unable to fulfill his term and in 2025 requested to end his service. **Meredith Aldridge**, a member of the Board of Directors, was presented to complete the term from 2025- 2026 ending Sclafani's second term. Meredith Aldridge is eligible to serve a full term with her first term beginning **(2026-2029)** and will be eligible for a 2nd term **(2029-2032)**.

Loraleigh C. Phillips

Loraleigh C. Phillips is an equity partner with Upshaw, Williams, Biggers & Beckham, LLP, and devotes her practice primarily to workers' compensation defense, and handles general liability claims and the defense of personal injury claims. She is a member of the Mississippi Bar and the Louisiana Bar and is admitted to practice in all State Courts in Mississippi, as well as the Northern and Southern U.S. District Courts, federal courts and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mrs. Phillips has also been admitted to all Louisiana state and federal courts. Mrs. Phillips has extensive litigation and trial experience before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission and in state and federal courts. Mrs. Phillips graduated cum laude from Louisiana Tech University in 2002 and received her J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law in 2006. During law school, she clerked for workers' compensation litigation firms, served as the Vice President of Phi Delta Phi, and was a moot court board member and officer, also competing in national moot court competitions. Following law school, Mrs. Phillips served as a judicial law clerk for the late Honorable William "Bill" H. Myers of the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Loraleigh Phillips is appointed as a prosecutor for the City of Madison in its municipal court.

Outside of work, Loraleigh is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Jackson, having served in various leadership positions for her community projects. She also volunteers at her children's school, serving as a room mom, and gives her time back to her law school, coaching moot court teams. Mrs. Phillips has served her third term as the President of the Madison County Republican Women and in various appointments for the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women. Mrs. Phillips was appointed by the Governor to serve as the Parliamentarian for the Third Congressional District for the Mississippi Republican Party during its 2024 Convention and is a member of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, currently. She is a Member of Madison Methodist Church, Loraleigh resides in Madison, Mississippi with her husband, Jay, and their two children.

Meredith Aldridge

Meredith Aldridge is the Executive Director of the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement for the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Joining UMMC in 2018 to assist with the \$100 million capital campaign to build the Kathy and Joe Sanderson Tower at Children's of Mississippi, Aldridge manages fundraising and alumni engagement teams to support the Medical Center's mission areas.

A native of Marietta, Georgia, Aldridge received a Bachelor of Arts from Mississippi State University and a juris doctorate at Samford University. She practiced law for more than a decade at the Mississippi Attorney General's office and in private practice.

She is actively involved in the community, having served as the president of the Junior League of Jackson and as a board member for several organizations, including the Fondren Renaissance Foundation, Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation, and Jackson Preparatory School. She also serves as a commissioner for the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. In 2019, she was a finalist for the Mississippi Business Journal's Businesswoman of the Year.

She and husband Ben Aldridge have two children, Ann Carlton and Pate. They are active members of St. James Episcopal Church in Jackson.

Board Development Terms

	First Term	2nd Term Final
Charlotte Seals, Chair	2021-2024 will be eligible for 2nd term	2024-2027
Meredith Aldridge	2025-2026 (Completed last year of Sclafani's last term. Eligible for reelection 2026.	
Judge Lakeysha Isaac Greer	2025-2028 will be eligible for 2nd term	2028-2031
Monica Harrigill	2020-2023 will be eligible for 2nd term	2023-2026
John Hardy	2022-2025 will be eligible for 2nd term	2025-2028
Dr. Tracy Hardy	2022-2025 will be eligible for 2nd term	2025-2028
Pam Ware	2024-2027 will be eligible for 2nd term	2027-2030

EXCERPTS FROM GSGMS Bylaws for the Girls, adopted 08.11.18, are offered below regarding the Board Development Committee and Board of Directors terms of office and National Delegates. 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 GSGMS Board Development Committee

Members include:

Charlotte Seals, Committee Chair

Meredith Aldridge

Judge LaKeysha Isaac Greer |

John Hardy

Dr. Tracy Daniel- Hardy

Monica Harrigill

Pam Ware