

MCNEW ELECTED 2023 PRESIDENT OF ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS AND CHAMBER EXECUTIVES

Nancy Lee McNew was first elected to the Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives Board of Directors in January 2020. McNew has served on the Scholarship committee, Membership committee, Education committee, and Annual Conference committee. She currently chairs the Annual Conference committee. McNew also sits on the Arkansas Economic Development Foundation/Arkansas Industrial & Economic Development Foundation Board in her AEDCE President capacity.

The officers of the board of directors for 2023 are President Nancy Lee McNew, CEcD, PCED with the Economic Development Alliance for Jefferson County; First Vice-President Gary Troutman, IOM with the Hot Springs Metro Partnership/Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce; Second Vice-President Steve Cox, IOM with the Rogers Lowell Chamber and Treasurer/Secretary Julie Allen, PCED with the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mallory Darby of Mississippi County Economic Development will remain on the board as immediate past president and an officer through 2023.

The membership of Arkansas Economic Developers and Chamber Executives (AEDCE) has elected the following to its board of directors with terms that began January 1, 2023.

- Robert Birch, City of North Little Rock
- James Bell, Bentonville
- Ashlee Vaughan, Arkadelphia
- Allison Hestand, Paragould
- Jack Thomas, Little Rock
- Hugh McDonald, Little Rock
- Candice Lawrence, Cabot

Other returning board members are:

- Graycen Bigger, Northeast Arkansas Intermodal Authority and Farmers & Merchants Bank
- Steven Lamm, Jonesboro Unlimited
- Kellie Wall, Maumelle Chamber of Commerce
- Bill Rogers, IOM, Springdale Chamber of Commerce
- Ellie Baker, PCED, City of Magnolia
- Cody Slater, Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce/Jonesboro Unlimited
- Randy Zook, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/AIA

About Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE): AEDCE is the state's premier association representing professional and volunteer economic developers and chamber executives in Arkansas. AEDCE's objective is to advance,

through educational and professional efforts, the business climate and quality of life in Arkansas by the development of employment opportunities through economic growth and community development. This is accomplished through education, advocacy and our connected network of association members. More information is available at aedce.org.