



Mississippi Economic Development Council (MEDC)  
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## MEDC ELECTS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Mississippi Economic Development Council elected new officers and board members during the Membership meeting on Friday, July 24 at the 2009 Summer Conference.

### Officers October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

President – Larry Barnett, Gulfport  
President-Elect – Christy Knapp, Oxford  
VP – Chamber Development – Barbara Smith, Tupelo  
VP – Community Development – Blake Wallace, Jackson  
VP – Economic Development – Tom Troxler, Brandon  
Secretary-Treasurer – Dianne Carson, Clinton

### Directors for October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2011 are:

Sonny Simmons, Batesville – District 1  
Taurus Wright, Jackson – District 5  
Kathy Cloyd, Prentiss – District 7  
Verdell Hawkins, Gulfport – At-Large  
Beth Stevens, Greenwood – At-Large

### Current board members whose terms expire September 30, 2010:

Steven Surlles, Tupelo – District 2  
Sue Stidham, Winona – District 3  
David Vowell, Philadelphia – District 4  
Cliff Brumfield, Brookhaven – District 6  
Jack Zink, Bay St. Louis – District 8

### Current ex-officio board members not elected by the membership:

MDA Executive Director (ex-officio) – Gray Swoope, Jackson  
Mississippi SEDC Director – Lyn Arnold, Tunica  
Mississippi SEDC Alternate Director – Kim Richardson, West Point