



2026-2028 CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CANDIDATES



Christopher Cox ~ Bowles Rice LLP ~ Special Counsel

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"As a citizen of Jefferson County and a business person who works in, around, and among the County and its people, I am very interested in trying to help promote positive, profitable, and vital growth in and for our community."

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"Positive, collaborative energy and communication informed by international, domestic, regional, and local experiences. As a local real estate and business attorney, I currently assist local businesses in all sorts of endeavors including formation, governance, acquisitions and sales, and growth generally."



Alan "Marc" Gordon ~ Jefferson Security Bank

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I look forward to building strong relationships with people and businesses, providing strategic support in every stage of growth and development. I am always looking for better ways to promote businesses and eager to put new ideas and tools into action to help make JCCC as successful as possible."

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I am a Banking Professional with over 40 years of experience, including leadership roles as Branch Manager, Retail Area Manager and lead Development Manager. For the past 15 years, I have focused on Commercial Lending and specializing in evaluating business performance, identifying growth opportunities and structuring financing solutions that help business expand and succeed."



Jeanie Hamilton ~ Horizon Farm Credit ~ Loan Officer

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I'm interested in continuing to serve on the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors because I believe in the power of collaboration to strengthen our local economy and community. I am passionate about fostering connections between business leaders, civic organizations, and residents to ensure that Jefferson County remains a vibrant and inclusive place to live and work."

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I bring financial expertise, strategic planning skills, and a collaborative mindset. I'm also actively involved in community. These experiences give me a well-rounded perspective on both economic strategy and community needs, which I'd be proud to continue to contribute to the Jefferson County Chamber."



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Jenny Hayes ~ Glory Days Grill ~Managing Partner

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"The chance to help plan and be aware of more area happenings so that my business can help. Often times I am finding out about events we could have hosted or at least donated to after it's too late and I'd love to be able to give more back to the community. "

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"Having spent my entire career spanning nearly 3 decades in hospitality working for both larger companies like Disney and smaller ones as well, I am confident in my abilities to assist with creation and implementation of any systems or budgets related to the hospitality sector. I understand what it means to be representing the Chamber at all times at public events and on social media. I have gained a reputation for my event planning both personally and professionally and it is something I enjoy."



Lanae Johnson ~ Individual Chamber Member

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I am deeply committed to strengthening the economic and civic vitality of Jefferson County. Serving on the JCCC Board is an opportunity to bring together my passion for community engagement, strategic problem-solving, and collaboration building to help local businesses and organizations thrive. As someone who has spent decades leading diverse teams from military service to civic initiatives, I see this role to ensure our Chamber remains a powerful force for innovation,

collaboration, and growth. "

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"Leadership Experience: Retired Lt. Colonel with 35 years of proven team-building, strategic planning, and mission execution. Community Connector: Depp Roots in Jefferson County and relationships across civic, nonprofit, and business sectors. Strategic Problem-Solving: Skilled at aligning resources and people toward a shared vision. Resource Management & Fundraising: Experience managing budgets, securing funding, and optimizing impact."



Toni Milbourne~ The Journal ~ Managing Editor

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I have been involved through my work in the county's newspaper industry with the JCCC since early 2001-ish when I began with the Spirit. I have seen the good that the Chamber does providing not only connections between businesses, but expanding those to everyone from students to seniors and I would like to be more actively involved in continuing those connections and more."

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"As a member of the media, I can offer perspectives on promotion and press releases for events, programs, etc. I also am organized, dedicated and loyal to working hard for whatever board or group with which I am affiliated. "



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Jennifer Verdugo ~ Riverside Church ~ Pastor

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I am interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors because I serve the community by securing funding for economic development in my role as grant writer for the WV Grant Resource Center, and as a community builder as Pastor of Riverside Church. These roles both relate well to the mission of the Chamber to promote business growth and make Jefferson County a better place to live and raise a family."

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I am a capable project manager, leader, and public speaker. I am just as happy to take direction and be a worker bee as I am to be in charge. Having graduated from Leadership Jefferson, I now have a well-developed understanding of the unique challenges of Jefferson County and the strengths we have to overcome them."



Ellen Weeren ~ A Reason to Write ~ Owner

Why are you interested in serving on the JCCC Board of Directors?

"I love the idea of giving back to the Chamber because it is an organization that has made a big difference in my professional life. I'm interested in promoting Jefferson County businesses and their leaders."

What skills, expertise, and perspectives would you bring to the JCCC Board of Directors?

"As a writer and non-traditional (not store front) business), I often have to think outside the proverbial box and approach challenges with creative and cost-efficient solutions. My businesses (meeting space, writing workshops, & essay consultations) are largely word-of-mouth based, so I have strong connection-building skills that bode well for the Chamber's mission of bringing people and business together who will benefit from knowing each other. My love of JeffCo shines through everything I do!"