



## NOMINEES TO THE HANCOCK CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Announcing the Ballot for **Nominees for Elected Directors** to the Hancock Chamber Board for the three-year term beginning January 2023. You may vote for up to five (5) nominees. The ballot must be answered on or by 5pm on Friday, January 6, 2023. Any ballots received after this time will be disallowed. Cumulative voting is not allowed. **Each member of the Chamber has one representative who is designated to cast the vote on behalf of the member company.**

### **Dr. Raymunda Barnes, Vice President**

#### **Pearl River Community College-Hancock Campus**

Dr. Raymunda Barnes currently serves as Vice President for Pearl River Community College-Hancock Campus. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University, a Master of Education degree from William Carey University, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He was selected as the 2017 Hancock County Citizen of the Year and in 2016 as a recipient of the One Coast Award. He serves as chairman of the Hancock Chamber Education Committee. In this role, the committee has initiated programs like Excel by 5, the Bookworms program, the Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner, the Annual High School Seniors Breakfast, and classroom grants for teachers. He successfully completed the Education Policy Fellowship Program (2014-2015) by the Institute for Educational Leadership.

### **Jeffery Edge, Chief Executive Officer**

#### **Ochsner Medical Center – Hancock**

Jeff Edge is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock, with operational responsibility for Ochsner Health Centers on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Jeff is a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and most recently served as Chief Operating Officer for Ochsner's River Region. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Louisiana - Monroe, as well as a Master of Health Administration degree from Louisiana State University - Shreveport. He is also a proud veteran, having served in the US Air Force as a Radiologic Technologist. After his enlistment in the Air Force, Jeff held positions of increasing responsibility in healthcare around the country and in the greater New Orleans area.

### **James Noel Grafe, Vice President, Commercial Lender**

#### **The First Bank, Bay St. Louis MS**

Noel Grafe is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor's degree in Banking and Finance. He is also a graduate of Ole Miss School of Banking and LSU Graduate School of Banking. Noel is active in the community with Jacob's Well Baptist Church, a Board Member of Hancock Resource Center, and a Board Member of Club Meth to Christ Ministry. A 2020 Graduate of Leadership Hancock, Noel is active in the community utilizing his culinary skills to raise funds for many projects throughout the community.

