



## MEET THE COMMITTEE

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DAY

#### **Sabrina Wright, LC'13**

*Director, Economic Development, Cobb County Government*



**Favorite LC Memory:** Fall Retreat! Getting to know everyone was a blast. I made lasting friendships through this class.

**Advice for LC'25:** Be engaged in the program and make time to stay connected after your class ends.

#### **Dan Buyers, LC'97**

*Partner, McWhirter Realty Partners*



**Favorite LC Memory:** All the great friendships we built!

**Advice for LC'25:** Please continue to find ways to contribute to our Community. I know you all will!

#### **Andrea Worthy, LC'12**

*Economic Development Director, City of Smyrna*



**Favorite LC Memory:** Making initial connections with what turned out to be lifelong friends

**Advice for LC'25:** Really lean and get to know your fellow classmates - these are the people will be calling in future years. Everyone has a story if we just listen.

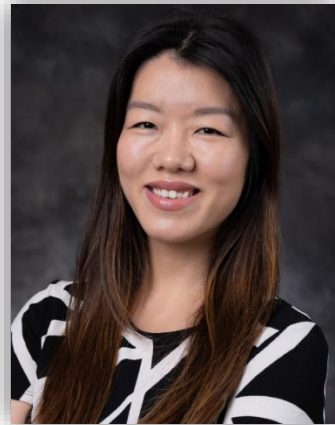


### **Clark Hungerford, LC'84**

*Retired, Former President and Chief Credit Officer Vinings Bank*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Being in the first class of Leadership Cobb and then chairing the class of 1988 with our unplanned overnight trip to Washington DC.

**Advice for LC'25:** Develop as many deep relationships as you can with your classmates. You never know when those can be helpful in the future.



### **Jenny Jang, LC'24**

*Senior Manager of Community Relations and DE&I, TK Elevator*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Getting to know my classmates beyond their roles—learning about their families, motivations, and experiences.

**Advice for LC'25:** Be intentional in your learning, give 100% to every opportunity, and enjoy every moment. The experience goes by quickly, but the connections and lessons will stay with you.



### **Jason Gaines, LC'18**

*Director of Planning, W&A Engineering*

**Favorite LC Memory:** All of my favorite memories are subject to the 285 rule, so I won't say :-)

**Advice for LC'25:** Be a sponge and soak up all the information you possibly can. Also, if you've never thought of yourself as being "open-minded," step out of your comfort zone and try it. You'll get the most out of the LC experience if you do.



### **Tyler Reinagel, LC'24**

*Associate Vice President for Economic Development,  
Kennesaw State University*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Doing pushups while wearing a full 90 pound Explosive Ordinance Disposal suit.

**Advice for LC'25:** Life's going to change around you pretty quick, leaning on your LC family is the support you didn't know you didn't have! Immerse yourself in each day. It'll go by faster than you think, and when you realize that you won't ever have everyone in the same place at the same time it'll break your heart!



### **Lamar Lewis, LC'24**

*Senior Security Manager, Atlanta Braves*

**Favorite LC Memory:** So many but if I had to choose one it would be the Blackhawk ride!

**Advice for LC'25:** Allow yourself to be vulnerable and make as many authentic connections as possible.



### **Amanda Blanton, LC'17**

*Sr. Director of Economic Development, Cobb  
Chamber/SelectCobb*

**Favorite LC Memory:** High speed driver training on Public Safety Day

**Advice for LC'25:** Continue to be open minded and trust the process. This class will open so many doors for you if you let it.



**Alex Almodovar, LC'23**

*Development Director, City of Acworth*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Spring Retreat!

**Advice for LC'25:** Make the most of the experience and immerse yourself in the program. Get to know your classmates on a personal level. This is a once in a lifetime experience in which you can make meaningful connections for the rest of your life.



**Rosalind Tucker, LC'88**

*Managing Director, Atlanta Regional Commission*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Opening Day!

**Advice for LC'25:** Lean into learning, love, laughter, and new friendships.



**Kyethea Clark, LC'17**

*Infrastructure Planning Division Director, Gwinnett County*

**Favorite LC Memory:** There are many, but this is one that was unexpected and special. LC ED Day (maybe 2022) there was a group of us that carpooled and met Darin Mitchell for the first time, and we found out that we have mutual connections/close friends that are out of state. Small world.

**Advice for LC'25:** Savor the moment and smell the flowers... the experience is a journey and not a destination.





### **Drew Raessler, LC'23**

*Director, Cobb Department of Transportation*

**Favorite LC Memory:** All of the programmed days and speakers were impactful, but I most appreciated the time spent getting to know my fellow classmates

**Advice for LC'25:** Overcommit to the service opportunities and leadership talks. It's tough to find time, but I never regretted making time to lean into these extra opportunities

### **Jared Speaks, LC'24**

*Director of Studio Operations Accounting, Tyler Perry Studios*

**Favorite LC Memory:** I enjoyed the entire Leadership Cobb experience but Fall and Spring retreat were my favorite.

**Advice for LC'25:** Dive in and fully embrace the LC program. Make an effort to connect with each of your classmates, step outside your comfort zone, and don't shy away from tough conversations. Get to know each of you classmates and bond outside of your scheduled program days. The benefits and memories will last a lifetime. But above all, remember to enjoy the journey, have fun and make the most of the experience.



### **Jennifer McKeehan, LC'12**

*Chief Operating Officer, Fanatics Commerce*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Closing Retreat

**Advice for LC'25:** Take in the moments!



**Phil Barber, LC'17**

*Managing Principal, Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc.*

Favorite LC Memory: Fall retreat

Advice for LC'25: Don't work during LC activities.



**Al Martin, LC'96**

*Area Manager, Cobb County, Georgia Power Company*

Favorite LC Memory: Co-Chairing LC 2003 with Beth Sessoms.

Advice for LC'25: Lean in to challenging or uncomfortable class experiences, and represent your company brand admirably, and absolutely positively, don't become a part of the "LC Legend!"



**Andrew Cox, LC'17**

*Chief of Staff and Vice President of Leadership Development, Wellstar Health System*

Favorite LC Memory: Leadership Day at Ebenezer Baptist.

Advice for LC'25: Stay engaged and be vulnerable.



**Michael Paris, LC'88**

*President & CEO, Council for Quality Growth*

# MEMORIES



## **Stephanie Cox, LC'23**

*Director of Existing Industry, SelectCobb*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Armed Forces Day

**Advice for LC'25:** Lean in, take advantage of every opportunity to engage with your class, and remember to pick up the phone when they call!



## **Michael McNeely, LC'24**

*Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Fellowshipping with like-minds from various industries at each program day.

**Advice for LC'25:** Spend as much time as possible with your classmates ensuring the most from the experience.