Heath Taylor Named President & CEO of Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

(Evans, Georgia - February 2026) Today marks Heath Taylor's first day as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, where he brings over 18 years of proven leadership in chambers, business advocacy, and nonprofit management to one of Georgia's fastest-growing regions. The Chason Group (TCG) led the executive search process for the chamber.

Taylor previously served as President and CEO of the Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, where for the past ten years he led the organization through a period of sustained growth, increased financial strength, and expanded community impact. Known as a collaborative leader and strategic thinker, his experience spans membership development, workforce and education initiatives, advocacy, and the creation of successful revenue-generating programs that strengthen long-term organizational sustainability.

"Heath brings a deep understanding of the chamber profession and a proven ability to lead organizations through growth and change," said Neil Gwynne, 2025 Chair of the chamber. "His leadership experience, regional knowledge, and commitment to serving both businesses and communities make him an excellent fit for Columbia County as we continue to move forward."

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Throughout his career, Taylor has held leadership roles with chambers of commerce in Georgia and South Carolina, including serving as Vice President of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of Business and Community Development for the Aiken Chamber of Commerce. He has overseen advocacy efforts, public affairs, membership growth, and major events, consistently increasing engagement and financial performance.

In addition to his professional roles, Taylor has demonstrated significant leadership at the state and national levels. He is the Immediate Past Chair of the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and has served as a Regent Partner on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management Southeast Board of Regents, where he worked closely with chamber professionals across the region to advance organizational excellence and economic prosperity.

In his new role, Taylor will provide strategic leadership for the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, working closely with the Board of Directors, members, and community partners to advance advocacy priorities, strengthen membership value, and support a thriving business environment. He will represent the chamber at local, state, and regional events and continue building strong relationships with elected officials, business leaders, and community stakeholders.

"I am honored to return to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and serve this community," said Taylor. "Columbia County has a strong foundation and a clear vision for the future, and I look forward to working alongside the Board, internal team, and members to support continued growth and opportunity."

The Chason Group is an executive search firm specializing in chambers of commerce, economic development, destination marketing organizations, foundations, and other nonprofits.