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Sharon Weston Broome

State Senator

The former state representative was the first African-American female elected to represent District 15 in the Louisiana State Senate and currently holds the position of president pro tempore. During her tenure in the Legislature, she has authored The Children's Trust Fund Bill, Saturday Academy Program, Kinship Care Subsidy Program, Social Work Practice Act, and Arts and Education.

Mary Broussard

Customer Service Manager, Entergy

She oversees customer service for Livingston and West Feliciana parishes and the new city of Central. She is the chair of the board of directors of the Livingston Economic Development Council, vice chair of the Baton Rouge Workforce Investment Board, an associate board member of the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters and a founding member of the new City of Central Rotary Club.

Jimmy Maurin

Chairman, Stirling Properties

He is one of the founders of Stirling Properties. He has served as chairman of the International Council of Shopping Centers and currently is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the World Presidents' Organization, The Louisiana Committee of 100, the Tulane University Business School Council, the LSU Foundation, the LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation and the LSU College of Business Dean's Advisory Council. He is also trustee of Blueprint Louisiana and a member of its executive committee.

J. Stephen Perry

President & CEO, New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau

Under his direction, the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau has routinely been ranked as one of the top five in America and won multiple national awards for excellence in sales, marketing, public relations, branding, customer service and corporate relations. In February, he was selected to serve on the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board and advise the U.S. Department of Commerce and President Barack Obama on national travel and tourism policy. This summer, he will become the chairman of the Destination Marketing Association International, the international governing body of convention and visitor bureaus.

George Swift

President & CEO, Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance

He heads up the organization that combines the Chamber Southwest, The Chamber Foundation and the Southwest Louisiana Partnership. The Alliance serves Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff

Davis parishes. He has more than 30 years of experience in sales, marketing and management in the radio broadcasting business. He has served many community organizations, including chairman of the boards of the Chamber Southwest, the local United Way and Chennault Industrial Airpark.