

GET TO KNOW YOUR Economic Development Authority



W. Rod Gentry
Chairman
Rivanna District

Rod Gentry is a native of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Mr. Gentry retired from Union Bank & Trust in 2015 as a Senior Vice President and Senior Regional Retail Banking Executive. He has served as the Chairman of the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Gentry has also served on a number of non-profit boards in Charlottesville and Albemarle. He currently serves as a board member of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging.



Elton Oliver
Sec'y-Treasurer
Scottsville
District

Elton Oliver is the operations manager of the Morven Farms property, which is owned by the UVA Foundation. Elton received a Bachelors of Science degree from UVA's McIntire School of Commerce in 1974, worked as a commercial bank examiner with the Bureau of Financial Institutions, Richmond, Virginia and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1985.



David Shreve
Jack Jouett
District

David Shreve is the Executive Director of Wintergreen Adaptive Sports, a Nelson County-based non-profit dedicated to providing outdoor sports and recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities. He has served as a professor of economic history and a consultant for UVA. He has a PhD in economic history from Louisiana State University.



Don Long
At-Large

Don Long is a business and finance lawyer with Lenhart Pettit LP in Charlottesville. He has experience in all areas of business law, but he concentrates his practice in commercial lending and private equity offerings. Don is also the Chairman of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Authority, President of the Soccer Organization Charlottesville Area and an Executive Committee Member of the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area.



Jim Atkinson
Vice Chair
Samuel Miller
District

Dr. Atkinson is a co-founder and Vice President of local manufacturing technology company Mikro Systems. He has co-founded three start-up technology companies, and has particular expertise in Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) applications and management. In 2009, Dr. Atkinson was appointed by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine to the Board of Advisors of Virginia's GENEDGE Alliance, an affiliate of the National Manufacturing Extension Partnership.



David Mellen
White Hall
District

David Mellen retired from Virginia National Bank in 2017 as a Managing Director and Executive Vice President. During his 40 year banking career he focused primarily on Commercial Lending. He has served on a number of nonprofit boards in Charlottesville and Albemarle. He joined the board of the Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA) six years ago and has served as President of the board for the past four years.



George Ray
Rio District

George Ray is currently President of Insignia Development Services, whose list of projects located in the County include sites such as Oakleigh, Willow Glen, Greenbrier Station, Berkmar Circle and many others. Previously, George served as the Director of Economic Development for the City of Charlottesville for nearly 20 years.



Jim Bowling
EDA Counsel

James M. Bowling, IV, has represented the Economic Development Authority of Albemarle County in over 70 bond issues and other financial matters. He is a partner in St. John, Bowling, Lawrence & Quagliana, LLP, Charlottesville, VA. Mr. Bowling received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Virginia. He currently represents local government entities and employees, community associations, businesses and individuals in commercial real estate and business matters, and litigation.