THE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE OF WEST ALABAMA

Brief History

On June 1, 1900, five business leaders had a vision of a better, growing, vibrant community and created ***The Commercial Club of Tuscaloosa.***

Founding Members:
Robert H. Cochrane
Colonel Woolsey Finnell
Hugo Friedman
Sam Friedman
Clayton Strickland

On June 9, 1909, The Commercial Club of Tuscaloosa was reorganized as the ***Tuscaloosa Board of Trade****.*

On August 29, 1921, the organization was formally renamed as the ***Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce****.*

In 1983, the Northport and Tuscaloosa Chambers merged to form ***The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama****.*

Year	Board Chair	Organization Name
1900-11	Frank G. Blair	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1912	Judge H. B. Foster	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1913	E.B. Nuzum	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1914-15	A. S. Van de Graaff	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1916-17	Frank G. Blair	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1918	C. B. Verner	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1919	J. L. Bierton	Tuscaloosa Board of Trade
1920-21	Samuel Clabaugh	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1922-23	J.A. Duckworth	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1924	John C. Persons	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1925	Owen Meredith, Sr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1926	Thomas J. H. Hill	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1927-28	W. W. Brandon	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1929	M. C. Rumley, Sr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1930	Hayse Tucker	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1930	C. B. Verner	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1931	J.S. Robertson	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1932	Hayse Tucker	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1933	B. P. Head	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1934	Gordon Palmer	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1935-36	George H. Little	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1937	Frank Fitts, Sr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1938	H. G. Dowling	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1939	H. D. Warner	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1940	R.H. Cochrane	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1941	Hoyt Winslett	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1942-43	W. H. Nicol	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1944-46	Harry Pritchett	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1947-48	Chester Walker	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1949	Lamar Branscomb	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1950	Clemson Duckworth	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1951	Lawrence R. Smith	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1952	Willis E. Penfield	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1953	Frank M. Moody	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1954-55	George LeMaistre	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1956	Devane H. Jones	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1957	John Bell	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1958	Judge Reuben H. Wright	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1959	A. C. Cade, Jr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1960-61	Tom Birdsong	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1962	Rhea Fayssoux	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1963-64	Jack Warner	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce

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1965-66	W. Tandy Barrett	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1967	W. Aubrey Dominick	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1968	Lewis Manderson, Jr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1969	D. O. McClusky, Jr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1970-71	Charles A. Snyder	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1972	Ernest Williams	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1973	Florin W. White	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1973	Morris "Munny" Sokol	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1974	Marvin Harper	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1974	Thomas G. Shurett	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1975	Chris Bramlett	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1975	Dexter D. Hulsart	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1976	Charles Sprayberry	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1976	George S. Shirley	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1977	Earl Mitchell	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1977	James B. Boone, Jr.	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1978	Tom Diener	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1978	H. Vann Waldrop	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1979	Robert Rust	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1979	Floyd Mann	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1980	John Capellini	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1980	Thomas P. Hester	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1981	Hayse McGahey	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1981	John Allen	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1982	Harvey Fretwll	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1982	James J. O'Brien	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1983	Charles Delgaudio	Northport Chamber of Commerce
1983	Charles H. Land	Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce
1984	Charles H. Land	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1985	Marlin Moore, Jr.	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1986	Carl Albright, Jr.	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1987	J. Barry Mason	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1988	Sam Faucett	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1989	H. Pettus Randall, Jr.	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1990	Steve Shelton	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1991	Robert C. Tanner	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1992	E. Roger Sayers	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1993	Verta K. Barr	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1994	Robert H. Shaw, Jr.	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1995	Dick Johnson	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1996	Bob Rust	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1997	Cordell Wynn	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama

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1998	Terry Waters	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
1999	Bill Lanford	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2000	Jimmy Warren	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2001	Kim Ingram	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2002	Charles Nash	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2003	Bryan Kindred	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2004	Jim Flemming	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2005	Howard Garrison	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2006	Gene Poole	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2007	Jim Harrison III	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2008	Robert E. Witt	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2009	Randy Skagen	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2010	Claude Edwards	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2011	Lin Moore	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2012	Mark Sullivan	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2013	Fitzgerald Washington	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2014	Jordan Plaster	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2015	Norman Crow	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2016	Dan Blakley	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2017	Dean McClure	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2018	Blake Madison	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2019	Kimberly McMurray	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2020	Bobby Bragg	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2021	Elizabeth Winter	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2022	Tripp Powell	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2023	Michele Coley	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2024	Jheovanny Gomez	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2025	Carl Jamison	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
2026	Heyward Gould	The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama