



Board of Directors Biographies

The following individuals were elected to serve on the 2023 Board of Directors. They are comprised of Past President and Officers of the ECCA; HOA representatives who have represented their subdivisions for many years; individuals who have organized their subdivisions and surrounding community to actively participate in proposed zoning/ variance changes in their area; community active individuals who are willing to dedicate hours of volunteer time to ECCA serving on committees; and ECCA members who have been involved for many years. To avoid any implied or conflict of interest there are no elected officials or paid county employees nominated to serve on the BOD.

Benjamin Alper: Benjamin Alper is the founder and managing partner of Alper Legal, P.C., a law firm located here in Cobb County. A graduate of Emory Law School, Ben specializes in defending individuals charged with State and Federal crimes in the State of Georgia. Ben is an experienced litigator with experience that includes the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia, the Georgia Attorney General's Office, Criminal Justice Division, and the Northern Virginia Capital Defender's Office. In his spare time, Ben reviews Shakespeare performances. He and his wife Erin have lived in Cobb County for 12 years. They have two children who attend Tritt Elementary.

Libby Barnett: Libby Barnett has lived in Cobb County since 1984. She is a community volunteer with Salvation Army Marietta Corp and Backpack Blessings Ministry. Libby is a former ECCA Board member and secretary from 2015-2018.

Jacquelyn Bettadapur: Jacquelyn Bettadapur and her husband, Shailesh, moved to East Cobb in 2010 with their two sons after living as expats in Asia for nearly 10 years. Jacquelyn holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Berkeley and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Northwestern University. Previous work experience includes combustion design engineering, management consulting, and environmental policy development. While living in Singapore, she developed and directed the docent training program at the Asian Civilizations Museum and served on the PTA of the Singapore American School. For the last six years, she has served in leadership on the Executive Committee for the Cobb County Democratic Party. Her term expired in December 2022.

Chris Ensley: Chris Ensley has worked in financial services his entire career with experience in banking, consulting and payments. Currently Chris is the Director of Product Management with InComm, responsible for a debit network that processes millions of transactions and billions of dollars annually through major retail partners including Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, 7 Eleven & Dollar General. An active volunteer, Chris is a ministry leader at his church, Scouts BSA, and Treasurer for his subdivision. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, four children and dog.

Jill Flamm: Jill Flamm has served on the Board of Directors for nine years and is currently Vice President and has represented Camden Place subdivision for 21 years. She is a District 2 appointee to the Recreation Board. In addition, she has served on various county committees for code amendments, 2040 Comprehensive plan revisions and the CPT 2040 update. Previously she worked for Illinois Bell in various engineering and planning positions and was the CFO for a small company in GA. She and her husband Eric have two children, two grandchildren and have lived in East Cobb for 32 years.

Richard 'Ric' Grome: Ric Grome has been an active member of East Cobb Civic Association since 2017 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2018. He has been active with the Chimney Springs Homeowners' Association from 2015 through 2020. Ric retired from owning his own consulting firm and prior to that from top management positions in Elekta, Inc. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1975. Ric and his wife Margie have been residents of East Cobb for 36 years.

Helga Hong: Helga Hong has been head of Cemetery Preservation since 1993 and a volunteer for Keep Cobb Beautiful for 20 years. Helga and her late husband David have been a part of ECCA since inception and Helga has served on ECCA's Board for many years. They have been residents of Cobb County since 1974 and have two married daughters.

Chris Lindstrom: Chris Lindstrom has served on the ECCA Board since 2020. She retired from IBM after 25 years in various roles and now spends time with hobbies and traveling. Chris grew up in New Jersey, transferred to Miami, and finally landed in Marietta. Chris has lived in Marietta for 48 years and is married to Andy. She is very fortunate to have two sons who both live in the area with their families.

Marvin Shams: Marvin Shams has had a career in finance for a real estate developer/management company as CFO for the past 20+ years. He presently serves as treasurer of ECCA and in the past has held the offices of VP and Secretary. He has been active in ECCA for over 25 years. He and his wife have lived in Hampton Woods subdivision for over 30 years. Marvin was the original organizing president of his HOA. During his tenure as Treasurer, ECCA has reduced the annual dues several times and made donations to two Cobb County parks and the Cobb County Library Foundation.