

John Hilliard, Chairman

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John Hilliard attended Georgia Tech on an ROTC scholarship and entered the Air Force following graduation. His eight years in the service were spent working with the Minuteman III (ICBM) program in North Dakota and launching GPS satellites aboard the Delta II rocket program at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Upon leaving the Air Force, John began a new career in civil engineering consulting and obtained his Professional Engineer license in 2001. Another change in career direction occurred in 2010 when John entered the field of civil service as a Construction Manager for the U.S. Navy at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany. John brings problem solving skills, keen attention to detail, and leadership experience to the BCCS Board.

Sonya Williams, Vice Chairperson

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Sonya Williams earned a degree in Social Work from Albany State University. After obtaining this degree, she has worked in the social services field for 13 years. Therefore, her social skills are impeccable and she takes lead when the opportunity avails itself. Team playing is another advantage of working in the social services field which she exemplifies. Sonya brings experience from working with at risk youth to working with adults in the law enforcement realm as a probation officer.

After working with at risk youth, Sonya began working with children and families as a whole as a family service worker at Mitchell County Head Start under the umbrella of Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc. which is an agency that fosters helping people strive to live self-sufficiently. Head Start has celebrated 50 years of existence in helping children strive for excellence by giving them a head start in life. After five years, not only did she continue working with families, Sonya was promoted to the Center Director where there were more opportunities to show her leadership abilities. Sonya has obtained certificates from Director's Training to the usual annual training certificates that is received yearly from the agency to enhance team building and better ways of working with the families and children the Center serves. Sonya brings diversity, team building, years of experience in working with people as a whole, and leadership experience to the BCCS Board.

Kitty Beasley

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Kitty Beasley has more than ten years of experience working in the medical field as an emergency room Registered Nurse and in a clinical setting as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Kitty's leadership skills have propelled her into supervisory roles where she has been responsible for managing employees, making purchasing recommendations, and reviewing budgetary & business issues. Kitty serves as a patient advocate, seeking alternative funding to assist low income and no-insurance patients with medications and medical care.

Additionally, Kitty administers a local scholarship program for high school graduates entering the medical field. She provides in-kind services to BCCS athletes by conducting annual sports physicals, and she often provides time-sensitive health and safety alerts to the school. With her experience in the medical field, Kitty provides guidance and advisement for the school's career pathways in healthcare and emergency response.

Christina Hayes

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Christina Hayes graduated from Pelham High School. During her senior year, she was enrolled in dual enrollment classes with Southwest Georgia Technical College. She received her Associates Degree from Darton College and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Thomas University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Immediately upon graduation, she began her career with the State of Georgia as a Juvenile Probation/Parole Specialist II with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. She later transferred to Mitchell Baker Service Center and currently serves as a Developmental Disability Professional responsible for compliance, accreditation, safety, policy, training, and monitoring the service delivery of Individual Service Plans for adults with Intellectual Disabilities. She has also worked part-time for eleven years providing contract services to the Department of Family and Children Services in multiple judicial circuits in the area of relative/non-relative home studies. Christina brings experience with intellectual disabilities, child welfare, strategic planning, risk management, and compliance to the BCCS Board.

Benjamin Brooks

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Benjamin Brooks currently resides in his hometown of Camilla. His wife of six years, Sarah Brooks, is a nurse practitioner in Pelham, Georgia. They have one daughter, Reagan, who was born in May of 2017.

Benjamin graduated as valedictorian from Baconton Community Charter School in 2007, the second graduating class since the school's founding. He went on to attend Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA, receiving a bachelor's degree in finance with an emphasis in personal financial planning.

After college, Mr. Brooks spent two years in the banking industry before accepting an offer from Edward D. Jones & Co., a Fortune 500 financial services firm, to become a Financial Advisor in 2012. Benjamin chose to open and build his branch in Mitchell County. He has been guiding individuals and families through the management and planning of their financial lives for over five years, now overseeing \$30+ million in assets under management. He also holds the Accredited Asset Management Specialist Certification from the College for Financial Planning. Benjamin brings a strong background and practical experience in financial planning and asset management and is extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve a community that is his home.

Jenny Van Meter

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Jenny Van Meter graduated from Pelham High School as an honor graduate. She earned her Associate Degree in Business from Bainbridge College and graduated with Distinction from LaGrange College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business with emphasis in Organizational Leadership.

In 1998, Jenny began her career in banking at Heritage Bank of the South (formerly AGE Credit Union) in Albany, Georgia holding several positions such as Head Teller, Customer Service Representative, Compliance Assistant, Lender, and Service Manager. In 2006, she joined Pelham Banking Company in Pelham, Georgia as Auditor, Lender, Federal Reserve Reporter, and Teller Supervisor. After dedicating twenty years to the field of banking Jenny decided to use her talents elsewhere. She is now employed with Phoebe Putney Health Systems in Albany, Georgia as an Auditor in the Compliance and Ethics Department.

Jenny and her husband, David, live in Baconton with their two children, Turner and Zane, who attend BCCS as True Blue Blazers. She has served as BCCS PTO Vice President for four years and in other areas in her school, church, and community. Jenny brings a strong background in leadership, problem-solving, finance, compliance, and overall love for the school to the BCCS Board.

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Rashelle Beasley

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Rashelle Beasley is a graduate of Colquitt County High School. She attended Darton College and Albany Technical College. She joined The Albany Herald in 1997 where she climbed the ranks over the next 11 years from Assistant Layout Designer to Retail Advertising Sales Manager. She managed a Sales Team of six and was held accountable to a \$6M budget.

Rashelle joined the CVB team, a department of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce as Welcome Center Manager in July of 2008 and was promoted to Director in 2013. In 2018, she worked with city leaders and board of directors to create a 501c6 organization, The Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau where she is now the President/CEO.

She has successfully completed the three-year curriculum of the Southeast Tourism Society's Marketing College, receiving her Travel Marketing Professional (TMP) certification in March 2012. As a result of her hard work, Rashelle was chosen as the Southeast Tourism Society's Rising Star in November 2012 and was awarded the Larry Allen Leadership Award in September 2015. She serves on the Georgia Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus board of directors holding the position of President.

Rashelle is also active in the community. She is Race Director for the SNICKERS® Marathon and Half Marathon and has organized many community 5k's for Baconton Community Charter School. She is a graduate of Leadership Institute Class of 2015, Leadership Albany Class of 2008 and Georgia Academy for Economic Development Class of 2012. She currently serves on the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Board of Directors and is a member of the Dougherty County Rotary Club. She has also served on the executive board of the Southwest Georgia Tourism Association, Albany Junior Women's Club, Leadership Albany and Southwest Georgia Chapter of the American RedCross. Rashelle was recognized twice as Southwest Georgia's Top 40 under 40.

Rashelle is a native of Mitchell County, and her hobbies include running, singing, reading, deep sea fishing and hunting. She is engaged to Markus Minix, has two children Zach, 18 and Mary Frances, 14 and one bonus child Anna Minix, 2