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GBA Elects and Installs Officers and Directors to its Board

ATLANTA – Members of the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA) have elected and installed officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and added 10 members to its board of directors.

Spence Mullis, president and CEO, Morris Bank, Dublin, was installed as the 131st Chairman of the Georgia Bankers Association.

"I think this time in our history and our careers is a banker's dream opportunity. As bankers, we have the tools and community standing that can pay transformational financial and societal dividends for our fellow bankers, our families and every single person in our hometowns," Mullis said during GBA's Annual Business Meeting June 15. "It is an honor and privilege to serve my peers during this time of opportunity, and in addition to our advocacy for the industry, we'll put a lot of focus on programming that's designed to inspire all of us to be better leaders."

Members elected **Luke Flatt**, chairman, president and CEO, AB&T, Albany, as Chairman Elect. **Rhodes McLanahan**, president and CEO, First American Bank and Trust Company, Athens, was elected Vice Chairman, and he also will serve as Chairman of the Association's GBA Services, Inc., subsidiary.

In addition, 10 new board members representing the association's geographic divisions have been elected by their peers, appointed to At Large positions, or will serve in designated positions:

- Group 1: Hoke Reeves, president and CEO, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Sylvania
- Group 3: Dan Speight, CEO, Planters First Bancorp., Cordele
- Group 5: Brad Serff, president and CEO, Providence Bank, a Division of Heritage Southeast Bank, Alpharetta
- Group 7: David Caswell, president, Century Bank of Georgia, Cartersville
- Group 9: Tim Perry, president and CEO, The Citizens Bank of Georgia, Cumming
- At-Large: Rick Basinger, president and CEO, Northeast Georgia Bank, Lavonia
- At-Large: **Ken Farrell**, president and CEO, **First Chatham Bank**, Savannah
- Leadership GBA Chairman: Danny Minick, executive vice president, Citizens Bank of Americus
- Associate Member Representative: Steve Greene, partner, Employment Law Compliance, Atlanta
- Community Bankers Committee Representative: **Susan Moss**, president and CEO, Planters & Citizens Bank, Camilla, who also is the Group 2 board member.

About the Georgia Bankers Association: Founded in 1892, the Georgia Bankers Association promotes the general welfare and usefulness of banking and the preservation of a sound banking system. For 128 years, the GBA has provided Georgia's banks with top-quality professional development, revenue-enhancing products and services, government relations and public advocacy.

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