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GADC Appoints Four New Board Members

Epting, Langan, Fant, and Meadows to join economic development group

GREENVILLE, S.C. – May 19, 2017 – The Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC), the County-chartered organization tasked with promoting and enhancing the economic growth of Greenville County, is pleased to announce the appointment of four new business and community leaders to its Board of Directors. Tom Epting and Eugene Langan have been appointed to inaugural three-year terms, ending in May 2020, and Ennis Fant and Willis Meadows, of Greenville County Council, will serve two-year terms.

Tom Epting is a partner and the Practice Area Leader with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP's Business Group. Mr. Epting's primary practice areas include intellectual property, patents, trademarks and copyrights, technology, and corporate and business transactions. Mr. Epting was formerly a Patent Examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He was a past member of the Board of Managers of the Carolina Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law Association, and former Vice-Chairman of the Greenville County Research & Technological Development Corporation. Epting has also served on the Clement's Kindness Advisory Board, the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Club of Greenville, and has provided legal services to charitable organizations regarding patents, trademarks, and copyrights.

Eugene Langan, M.D., Regional Chief Clinical Officer, joined Greenville Health System in 1994. Dr. Langan is responsible for overseeing the Central Region, which encompasses Greenville Memorial Medical Campus, Patewood, Hillcrest & North Greenville Hospitals, and outpatient facilities, as well as physician practices in the surrounding area. He is also the Chairman of the Department of Surgery and a practicing vascular surgeon. In addition to his roles with GHS, Dr. Langan serves as a member of multiple professional organizations, including: American College of Surgeons, the Society for Vascular Surgery, Southern Surgical Association and the South Carolina Medical Association. He has authored numerous book chapters, abstracts and journal articles and also holds the academic appointment of professor at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville and clinical professor of bioengineering at Clemson University. Dr. Langan earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the

University of Scranton in 1982, followed by a master's degree in biochemistry in 1983. He earned a medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1987 and completed his vascular surgery residency at the Geisinger Medical Center in 1994.

A native of Greenville, Ennis Fant attended Greenville County schools and then the University of South Carolina. He did his theological studies at Erskine Theological Seminary and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He currently serves as Senior Pastor of Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church in Powdersville, SC. He is also an adjunct professor of New Testament Studies at N.J. Brockman School of Theology in Greenville, SC. Dr. Fant is a member of Greenville County Council and the South Carolina House of Representatives. He has previously served on the boards of Greenville Technical College, The Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Urban League of the Upstate and the Phillis Wheatley Association. Being bi-vocational, he has had a long career in the Real Estate and Insurance industries— protecting families and providing homeownership to strengthen our communities. Dr. Fant serves on the Planning and Development Committee and the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee of County Council.

In addition to representing District 19 as the Vice Chair of Greenville County Council, Willis Meadows serves as the Chair of Council's Finance Committee. He is also the owner of Willis Meadows Insurance. Prior to his Council term, Meadows served the community as the Chairman of Greenville Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Greenville Federal Credit Union. Meadows has also served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Miracle Hill Ministries, as well as being an elder at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church. Active in the Republican party, he is the Enoree Precinct Executive Committeeman and has been a delegate to the county and state conventions.

The new directors succeed Beverly Haines, Charles Naselli, Jim Burns, and Dr. Bob Taylor.

"The GADC Board members have been very successful over the years in guiding the economic development program for Greenville County. County Council greatly appreciates the dedication and service of all of these volunteers, and congratulates the newest members of the GADC Board," said **Greenville County Council Chairman and GADC Board Member, Butch Kirven**

"Effective Board members are crucial to the success of our organization, and we are extremely fortunate to have them lend their talents and expertise to the efforts of the GADC in adding jobs to, increasing capital investment in and improving the quality of life in Greenville County," added **GADC President and CEO Mark Farris**

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The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville

County. Since its founding in 2001, GADC efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 23,000 new jobs and more than \$4 billion in capital investment in Greenville County, SC. To learn more, visit www.goGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.

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