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# Sheriff's Office signs five-year, \$1.6 million contract to equip deputies with body cameras

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## Chamber of Commerce plans to retain board for extra term

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce operations, the interruptions of business support events and chamber finances, the group's board is recommending that all that all existing directors remain in place to serve one additional year to their current term.

Each is a director in good standing and has committed to accept all responsibilities of directorship for one additional year, Chamber officials said.

The year 2020 was to be the first of three transition years for the parishwide chamber, but the interruptions caused by COVID-19 and resulting economic plunge led to decisions to preserve and maintain the integrity of the organization during the ongoing recovery.

The governance and policy-making responsibilities of the chamber are vested in its board, which controls the group's property and directs its finances and affairs. And a review of bylaws allows members in good standing to service an addition year under certain circumstances.

Also, additional advisory board members will be appointed by the board chairman for one-year terms in order to enhance communications with other business groups and nonprofits.

The bylaws also allow the nomination of additional candidates by a petition of at least 50 chambers members but that it be filed with the Nominating Committee by noon on Oct. 2. If no additional candidates are presented by qualified petition, the current directors will be declared elected for one additional year of their originally elected term.

The 2018-20 directors are: David Boudreaux, division manager, Hancock Whitney Bank; Paul LeBlanc, managing partner, Arbor Lending Group LLC; Lisl Blitch Moyer, executive director, New Heights Therapeutic Riding Center; and Ryan Myers, CEO, F.H. Myers Construction.

The 2019-21 directors are: Tony Adams, group manager, Iberia Bank; Erin Cowser, assistant commissioner for legislative affairs, Board of Regents; Kyle Kent, president, Kent Design Build Inc.; David Landry, partner, Carver Darden LLC; Kathryn LeBlanc, president/CEO, Cedarwood School; Jennifer Messina, vice president of development, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West; Chairman Tom Meyer, vice president, Benefit Planning Group & Wealth Management; and past chairman Townsend Underhill, president of development, Stirling Properties LLC.

The 2020-22 directors are: Sarada Bonnett, event director, Covington Three Rivers Art Festival; Carrie Calvin, CPA, director of accounting/auditing, Bourgeois Bennett; Alan Case, vice president, Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien Insurance; Joan Coffman, CEO, St.

Tammany Health System; John Herman, CEO, Northshore Region, Ochsner Health System; David Hursey, principal governmental services representative, Cleco; Kendra Maness, publisher, Slidell Magazine; Louis Ochoa, owner, The Sadie Jane; Colin Shea, benefits consultant, Gilsbar; and Sandy Badinger, CEO, Slidell Memorial Hospital.