



Advanced Municipal Elected Officials Institute
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Speaker Biographies

Maceo Nance, Director of Targeted Rural Strategy and Special Projects, SC Department of Commerce

Nance is a South Carolina Certified Economic Developer who currently serves as the director of targeted rural strategy and special projects for the SC Department of Commerce. His responsibilities are focused on addressing several of the key issues impacting several rural counties. Solutions identified through this pilot program will be initiated in all rural South Carolina counties. Prior to his most recent assignment, Nance served as director of small business supplier outreach and rural development for the SC Department of Commerce. Nance holds a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College. He is also a graduate of Georgia Tech's Basic Economic Course, the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the SC Economic Developers' Advanced Symposium, where he remains extremely active. Nance is a native of Orangeburg.

Sidney Evering II, City Administrator, City of Orangeburg

Evering was born and raised in Orangeburg. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. He spent most of his legal career working for a large regional law firm where his practice areas included public finance and economic development.

Evering is a graduate of Leadership South Carolina and a past recipient of the *The State's* 20 under 40 award. He has served on numerous boards and community organizations, including the executive committee of the SC Chamber of Commerce, the board of governors of the SC Bar Association, president of the SC Bar Foundation and President of the SC Bar Association's diversity committee.

He has spent his entire career working with local governments and is excited to return home to Orangeburg, where he has been serving as city administrator since February 2021.

Warren Harley, Director, Department of Public Utilities, City of Orangeburg

Harley became director of the Department of Public Utilities in 2017. Previously, he had worked for the City of Orangeburg for eight years. He began as director of special projects and annexation, and two years later was promoted to assistant city administrator. He worked as assistant administrator until 2006 when he went to work with the Municipal Association of SC as the government affairs liaison. At the Association, Harley worked with legislative issues and provided technical assistance to municipalities across the state. Prior to becoming the public utilities director, Harley was assistant county administrator for Richland County. A native of Bowman, Harley has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in management from Webster University.

Gregg Robinson, SCCED, Executive Director, Orangeburg County Development Commission

Robinson became the executive director of the Orangeburg County Development Commission in 2005. Previously, he worked six years as town administrator for the Town of Springdale and worked six years with the Business Development Division for the SC Department of Commerce. Gregg holds both an undergraduate as well as a master's degree in public administration from the University of South Carolina.



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Shawn Putnam, Camden City Planner, City of Camden

Putnam's duties at the City of Camden include implementing land development regulations, maintaining and updating the zoning ordinance, managing the GIS program, and maintaining the comprehensive plan. He holds a Bachelor of Science in geography from the University of South Carolina. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a Certified Floodplain Manager. Putnam is also the former executive director of the SC Association for Hazard Mitigation. Prior to working for the City of Camden, he worked for the SC Department of Natural Resources providing technical assistance to communities on the National Flood Insurance Program. He also worked for the SC Emergency Management Division as the state hazard mitigation officer, where he managed the state hazard mitigation program for ten presidential disaster declarations. Prior to that position, Putnam worked as an assistant planner for the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Chris Rogers, Attorney, Rogers Lewis Jackson Mann & Quinn, LLC

Rogers practices in the areas of business, tax and commercial real estate transactions. He earned his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina, and his Master of Laws, or LLM, in taxation from the University of Florida.

Rogers' practice is primarily focused on tax credits and other incentives for real estate development and commercial growth. These incentives include historic rehabilitation tax credits, new markets tax credits, low-income housing tax credits, renewable energy tax credits, and various related state and local tax credits and incentives. He also counsels business and nonprofit clients on entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, operational and governance issues, tax planning and analysis, commercial real estate and finance transactions, and a variety of other business and tax-related matters.

Lawrence Flynn, Attorney, Pope Flynn, LLC

Flynn is a member of the Pope Flynn Group. He is a native of Spartanburg, a 2004 graduate of Duke University and a 2007 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 2007 and his concentration is in public finance. Flynn serves on the management committee of the Pope Flynn Law Firm. His practice primarily consists of serving as bond counsel and underwriter's counsel in South Carolina-based transactions. Flynn serves as local attorney to several municipalities, counties and special-purpose districts. He has also been active in developing local economic development initiatives for cities.