



2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

To: The members of Cobb Electric Membership Corporation ("Cobb EMC" or "the Cooperative").

RE: Notice of Annual Meeting of Cobb EMC Members (the "Annual Meeting") and
Notice of Director Elections and Proposals to Amend Cobb EMC's Bylaws.

The 87th annual meeting of Cobb Electric Membership Corporation will be held:

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Jim R. Miller Park, Marietta, GA

Member registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 9:30 a.m.

- Please note that ALL members must provide photo identification at registration.
- Commercial, government and church groups must provide authorization to represent their organizations at registration.

Members have three different voting options:

- By a mail-in ballot (included with this mailing)
- Online access:
 - 1) via link at www.cobbemc.com/annualmeeting,
 - 2) at <https://vote.escvote.com/CEMC>, or
 - 3) by logging into 'My Account' at www.cobbemc.com or the Cobb EMC App, where a **"Vote Now"** button will take you directly to the secure voting site.
- In person at the Annual Meeting

Included with this letter are the biographies provided by each candidate, explanations and copies of the proposed Bylaw amendments, and a mail-in ballot. **Please note that all mail-in ballots and online votes must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2025.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Preliminary results will be announced by Election Services Co., the Cooperative's independent election services provider, pending final certification by the Cobb EMC Elections and Credentials Committee. This mailing to members includes the director candidates. A PDF file of this document is posted on the Cobb EMC website at www.cobbemc.com/annualmeeting.

Very truly yours,

Kelly Bodner

Chair

Cobb EMC Board of Directors

Did you know?

Cobb EMC incurs a significant expense every year to print and mail this Election Ballot Packet. The use of email to send it could reduce this cost substantially. The online voting website includes a section where you can authorize Cobb EMC to email future Election Information to you instead of mailing this printed paper packet. Please help reduce our costs by voting via the website and, when prompted, providing your email address and agreeing to receive future election information electronically. However, if you would like to continue receiving the printed paper information packets through the U.S. mail, you can simply choose to leave the section blank. **Thank you.**

Bylaw revisions – as approved at 6/24/25 Board of Directors meeting. Each section will be voted on separately by the members.

In the following bylaw amendment proposals:

Underlined print indicates words being added to the bylaws.

~~Strikethrough~~ print indicates words being removed from the bylaws.

Section 2.13 Credential and Election Committee

<p>The Credentials and Elections Committee shall consist of an uneven number of Members not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) <u>nine (9) Members</u>.</p> <p>Each Director may nominate at least one (1) member to the Credentials and Elections Committee, who shall serve a term of <u>one (1) three (3)</u> years, concurrent with the respective nominating Director or until the next Cobb EMC Board of Directors election is completed, whichever comes first. All nominations shall be made not later than the second Friday in May in any given year, and subsequently approved by a majority of the Directors present and voting at the time of the vote <u>January regular Board meeting.</u></p>	<p><i>The proposed amendment amends the nomination and approval process for the Credentials and Elections Committee. Appointments need to be made earlier in the year to allow for the selection of an independent election services provider and the terms have been adjusted to align with other committees.</i></p> <p>The changes to this section have been reviewed by legal counsel and come with the Board's recommendation for approval.</p>
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Section 3.04 Qualifications of Directors, (e)

<p>not have been, within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the Annual Meeting in which the directorship is to be voted upon, an employee of the Cooperative <u>or an affiliate of the Cooperative</u>, an employee or director of a competing utility or enterprise, a Close Relative of an employee of the Cooperative, or a Close Relative of an employee or director of a competing utility or enterprise. Individuals who were employed as Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or as a direct report to the CEO are not qualified for directorship at any time;</p>	<p><i>The proposed amendment excludes employees of an affiliate company of Cobb EMC from directorship.</i></p> <p>The changes to this section have been reviewed by legal counsel and come with the Board's recommendation for approval.</p>
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Section 3.04 Qualifications of Directors, (h) and (i)

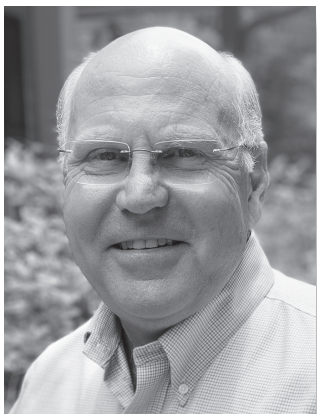
<p>(h) <u>have attended two (2) regular monthly Board meetings and two Budget and Finance Committee meetings prior to qualifying for election within twelve (12) months of qualifying;</u></p> <p>(i) <u>if not an Incumbent, attend a candidate information meeting prior to qualifying, and attend a candidate orientation meeting after qualifying.</u></p>	<p><i>The proposed amendment adds two qualification requirements. This requires potential candidates to become familiar with the complex operations of the Cobb EMC enterprise by requiring attendance at two board meetings and two Budget and Finance Committee meetings before qualifying and gives potential candidates the opportunity to understand the commitment of becoming a Cobb EMC director.</i></p> <p>The changes to this section have been reviewed by legal counsel and come with the Board's recommendation for approval.</p>
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Section 3.05 Director Term Limits

<p><u>Starting with elections in 2014</u>, Directors shall not be eligible to be nominated or elected to serve for more than four (4) <u>five (5)</u> full terms as a Director.</p>	<p><i>The proposed amendment would change the Director term limit from four terms to five. Under the current bylaws, the entire Board is scheduled to turn over within a 24-month period between September 2026 and September 2028, resulting in a significant loss of industry knowledge and experience in running a successful company. The amendment would allow current Directors to run for one additional three-year term, helping preserve institutional knowledge. It would also enable new Directors to join in a staggered manner if some current Directors are not re-elected or choose not to run.</i></p> <p>The changes to this section have been reviewed by legal counsel and come with the Board's recommendation for approval.</p>
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Section 3.06 Notice of Expiring Director Terms

<p>The Cooperative shall ensure that a notice is provided by any reasonable means permitted by Section 7.11 of these Bylaws delivered to all Members not later than the second Friday in April <u>end of October</u> notifying Members of the name of all Directors whose term of office will expire at the <u>next</u> Annual Meeting.</p>	<p><i>The proposed amendment increases the notice period from April prior to the Annual Meeting to October prior to the Annual Meeting. This allows additional notice to interested candidates so they can become more involved with the cooperative before candidate qualifying ends in May. Thus allowing individuals additional time to decide if they would like to become candidates for the board.</i></p> <p>The changes to this section have been reviewed by legal counsel and come with the Board's recommendation for approval.</p>
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EMORY BENSON

District 8

City in which you live:

Acworth, GA

Education:

- 1975-1979 – Wheeler High School (Cobb County)
- 1981-1982 – Chattahoochee Tech
- 1988-1989 – Kennesaw State University
- 2010-2015 – University

of Arizona Global Campus (formerly Ashford University, Forbes School of Business), B.A. in Business Administration

How many Cobb EMC Annual Meetings have you attended?

I've attended over 15 annual meetings. I realize the privilege of being a member-owner and the importance of participating in the direction of the co-op and electing Board members. Since 2012, I have only missed two meetings.

Community Service/Involvement:

As a Deacon and active member at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, I serve with integrity and compassion. For the past decade, I've hosted an annual fundraiser on our Burnt Hickory Road property to benefit KCK Children's Home in Kenya which supports over 300 children, four homes, and a technical school. This event is well known to many District 8 members who have attended and supported over the years.

I've also worked with ASTM, helping set standards for the electrical industry, and served on utility industry committees, including labor contract negotiations.

Professional Background/Experience:

With over 40 years in the electric utility/construction industry, I am a Georgia unrestricted licensed electrical contractor. My background includes serving as Director of Safety, where I managed training, OSHA compliance, workers' compensation, corporate liability, and environmental standards, critical components of operational accountability. I understand the day-to-day requirements and sometimes adverse conditions associated in an inherently hazardous industry.

For the past seven years, I've owned and operated E. Benson Construction LLC, gaining hands-on experience in leadership, budgeting, and strategic planning. My education and field experience equip me with a well-rounded view of the business, technical and safety needs that affect Cobb EMC and its members.

How will my skills and expertise benefit the cooperative?

My knowledge from inside the electrical business gives me an advantage as Cobb EMC navigates growth and industry changes. I understand what it takes to deliver reliable service, practice financial responsibility, and lead with vision.

Here's what I bring:

- **Strategic Thinking:** I plan for both immediate needs and long-term sustainability.
- **Commitment to Innovation:** I support exploring new ideas and technologies that improve efficiency and customer service.
- **Financial Discipline:** I understand budgeting and prioritizing spending that benefits members and the sustainability of a successful co-op.
- **Community-Driven Leadership:** I value transparency, integrity and listening. Making decisions that are best for the common good that will continue to keep rates low and service reliability among the best in the nation.

What are some of the important issues I believe the cooperative board needs to focus on the next few years?

In recent years the current Board has done an excellent job managing Cobb EMC's assets, improving financial health, customer satisfaction, and employee morale.

However, with upcoming term limits creating leadership transitions between 2026 and 2028, the time to begin institutional knowledge transfer is now. Delaying could risk losing experience without a proper succession plan. That's why I'm stepping forward in 2025 to be part of that transition. I want to learn from the current Board, while contributing new energy and insight.

I do not support changing or extending term limits. I fully support the by-law passed by the members in 2012 that limits Directors to four full terms. It reflects the will of the membership and ensures regular leadership renewal.

Please state your vision for the future of the electric utility industry and Cobb EMC's role in that industry.

Cobb EMC has always led with innovation, like the groundbreaking Load Management program in the 1970s. As alternative energy becomes more mainstream, I want Cobb to continue leading with smart, employee driven solutions.

We should leverage our talented staff to take ownership of new initiatives, in electric distribution just as we have in the past.

What qualities do you possess that would make you an asset to the Cobb EMC Board of Directors?

I believe strong leadership begins with character. If elected, I will bring:

- **Integrity:** I do what's right, even when no one is watching.
- **Practical Thinking:** I balance vision with real-world, achievable solutions.
- **Collaboration:** I value diverse viewpoints and team-based decision-making.
- **Service-Mindedness:** I view serving on the Board as giving back to a co-op that has given much to me.
- **Future Focus:** While respecting Cobb EMC's history, I embrace innovation and sustainability to meet tomorrow's challenges.

My four decades of experience, from hands-on electrical work to business ownership, give me a unique and grounded perspective that can't be learned in a classroom or boardroom alone. I bring insight from the ground up.

Statement of position/ Platform
Please explain why you are interested in serving on the Cobb EMC Board of Directors.

Cobb EMC has been a significant part of my life, and I care deeply about its future. I believe my experience, leadership, and commitment to service can help guide our cooperative through a period of growth, innovation, and leadership transition.

Since its founding in 1938, Cobb EMC has been known for its excellence and reliability. My goal is to honor that legacy while continuing to serve members with purpose, accountability, and vision. I will keep members first in every decision, protect what's working and make improvements where we can together.

For more information about me and my vision for Cobb EMC, please visit me at [facebook.com/Emory4CobbEMC](https://www.facebook.com/Emory4CobbEMC)
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/emory-benson-011522104/>



BRYAN BOYD
(Incumbent)
District 8
Cobb EMC Board of Directors

**Proven Leadership.
Real Results.
A Vision for the Future.**

Dear Cobb EMC Members,

Not long ago, our cooperative faced one of the most challenging chapters in its history. We were burdened

with some of the highest electricity rates in the nation and a lack of transparency that left members frustrated and in the dark—both literally and figuratively. But together, we reclaimed our Cobb EMC. I am proud to have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with courageous leaders like Bo Pounds, Butch Thompson, Tripper Sharp, and the other plaintiffs who fought tirelessly to return our cooperative to its rightful owners: you, the members.

When you elected me and eight other new board members, you entrusted us with a mission: restore integrity, transparency, and value to Cobb EMC. Today, I am honored to say we have delivered on that promise—and more.

A Track Record of Excellence

Over the past several years, Cobb EMC has become a model of efficiency and innovation. Under our leadership, we have achieved the * lowest electricity rates in Georgia for three consecutive years, * highest reliability ratios of any EMC in the nation, and national and state recognition for transparency, outage response, and member engagement. These achievements are not just numbers—they represent real savings, peace of mind, and improved quality of life for every member of our cooperative.

Deep Roots in Cobb County

My story is deeply intertwined with Cobb County. I have called this community home since I was seven years old. For

over 39 years, my family and I have been proud members of Cobb EMC, residing in the Hickory Springs Subdivision. My wife Stacy and I have raised our three daughters here, and we are invested in the future of this community.

As the owner and operator of Archer Restoration Services, I employ more than 45 Cobb County residents. Every day, we help families and businesses recover from fire, water, smoke, asbestos, and other hazards. Many of my customers are Cobb EMC members, so I see firsthand how utility rates and service reliability impact lives and livelihoods. This perspective drives my commitment to keeping rates low, service reliable, and members' needs front and center.

Leadership That Delivers

During my tenure on the Cobb EMC Board, I have had the privilege of serving as Board Chairman, Treasurer, and a member of the Human Resources and Governance Committee. My peers have also entrusted me to represent you on the Board of Directors of Gas South, Cobb EMC's wholly owned subsidiary, where I currently serve as Chairman.

This strategic acquisition has been a game-changer for our cooperative. In 2024 alone, Gas South returned over \$75 million in dividends to Cobb EMC, directly reducing costs for our members and helping us maintain our industry-leading low rates and reliability.

Transparent Governance and Member Empowerment

One of the cornerstones of our progress has been a commitment to open, transparent governance. Working with my fellow board members, we undertook a comprehensive rewrite of our bylaws to ensure open board meetings—giving you, the members, a true seat at the table. We also established a fully chartered Credentials and Elections Committee to guarantee that our elections are always full, fair, and open. As a result, Cobb EMC now boasts one of the highest member voting rates in the nation and is recognized as a model for democratic governance among over 900 EMCs nationwide.

Award-Winning Performance

Our cooperative's transformation has not gone unnoticed. Cobb EMC has been honored with numerous national and state awards, including National EMC of the Year, Most Transparent EMC, Best EMC in the Nation for Outage Restoration, and #1 in the Nation for Power reliability. These accolades reflect the dedication of our board, employees, and—most importantly—you, our members.

Returning Value to Members

A key part of our mission is returning value to our members. During my service, we have returned significant capital credits, putting money back in your pockets. Every decision I make is guided by a simple principle: this is your cooperative, and you deserve to share in its success.

A Vision for the Future

While we have accomplished much, there is more work to do. The energy landscape is rapidly evolving, and Cobb EMC must continue to innovate to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. My priorities for the coming term include maintaining the lowest possible rates while investing in grid modernization, expanding renewable energy options and sustainability initiatives, enhancing

member services and communication, ensuring the highest standards of reliability and safety, and protecting and growing member capital through prudent investments.

Your Voice Matters

I am running for re-election because I believe in the power of cooperative leadership and the strength of our community. I am committed to transparency, accountability, and results. I work hard every day to ensure Cobb EMC remains the best in the nation—a cooperative you can be proud of.

With your support, we can continue to set new records, return more value to members, and build a brighter future for our families, businesses, and community.

I Will Not Let You Down

Thank you for your trust, your participation, and your commitment to Cobb EMC. I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming fall elections. Together, let's keep Cobb EMC moving forward stronger than ever.

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DAVID CHASTAIN
District 8

David Chastain is a native Cobb County resident and always lived in a home powered by Cobb EMC. With deep roots in the community and a strong appreciation for the cooperative's mission, David is running for the Cobb EMC Board to help ensure that it continues to serve its members with integrity, innovation, and fiscal responsibility.

David believes that Cobb EMC plays a vital role in the strength and resilience of the communities it serves. From providing reliable, affordable energy to supporting education, public safety, and economic growth, the cooperative is more than a utility — it's a community partner. As a board member, David's goal is to uphold and enhance the organization's commitment to service while strengthening transparency and accountability to the membership.

A marketing and technology executive with extensive experience in the private sector, David brings decades of leadership in strategic planning, operations, and digital transformation. He understands how to balance innovation with sound business principles and is committed to ensuring that Cobb EMC continues to operate efficiently and with long-term financial sustainability. His background provides him with a unique lens on how to navigate the changing energy landscape and make decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of members.

Fiscal responsibility is one of David's core values. As a board member, he will lend his voice to support smart budgeting, strategic investments, and operational transparency. He believes the board's role is not just to oversee but to safeguard — ensuring that the cooperative's financial health

is protected for the benefit of all members, now and in the future.

Equally important to David is the principle that every Cobb EMC member should be informed. He strongly supports transparent communication between the board and the membership — not just during election season but year-round. Whether it's upcoming initiatives, major financial decisions, or long-term planning, members deserve access to clear, consistent information. An engaged and informed membership strengthens the cooperative and builds trust.

David is also a strong advocate for maintaining board term limits. He believes that new voices and perspectives are vital to keeping the cooperative responsive and forward-thinking. In a membership-based organization, leadership must reflect the diversity of experiences, backgrounds, and ideas within the community it serves. Term limits ensure that no seat becomes stagnant and that the board remains accountable and dynamic.

David has served on several nonprofit and community boards, where he has earned a reputation for being a thoughtful, engaged leader who listens, collaborates, and gets results. He brings those same qualities to his candidacy for Cobb EMC — along with a deep respect for the responsibilities of board service.

David attended Kennesaw State University with a focus on marketing and professional sales. Outside of his professional and civic work, David is a proud husband and father. He lives in West Cobb with his wife and their three boys. In his free time, you'll often find him coaching youth basketball or cheering from the sidelines as his sons play baseball.

David Chastain is not running for the Cobb EMC Board to make promises — he's running to serve through common-sense leadership, member-first priorities, and a vision for a cooperative that evolves while staying true to its mission. He believes that Cobb EMC must remain financially strong, community-focused, and member-driven.

In an era of rapid change across the energy industry — from grid modernization to renewable energy integration — it is more important than ever to have leaders who understand how to balance innovation with reliability. David brings that perspective. His business experience, board leadership, and commitment to transparency make him uniquely qualified to help guide Cobb EMC into the future.

Why David Chastain is Running:

- To ensure fiscal responsibility and protect the long-term financial health of Cobb EMC
- To keep members informed and engaged in how their cooperative is run
- To maintain board term limits and bring new voices into leadership
- To use his business and board experience to support smart growth and innovation
- To strengthen the connection between Cobb EMC and the community it serves

David Chastain believes in putting members first. With your support, he's ready to serve as a board member who listens, leads, and delivers for those that rely on Cobb EMC.



DAVID McCLELLAN

(Incumbent)

District 4 - Uncontested

Family & Community –

David McClellan and his wife (Carmen) have lived in Cobb County and have been members of Cobb EMC for 35+ years. Their two children attended East Cobb schools where they graduated from Pope High School, and both received degrees from

Georgia State University. David has been active in the community coaching youth softball for many years and has been involved in the children's programs at several local churches. He was also involved with the Y-Guides parent/child program. In his down time David enjoys music, college football and classic automobiles as he is a member of the Atlanta Austin Healey Club.

Business Credentials – David McClellan has over 40 years of financial and accounting experience in public accounting, with Fortune 500 companies, as well as privately held companies and has served as CFO for companies in Atlanta for over 20 years. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Cash Manager and holds a Six Sigma certification. He has an undergraduate in Accounting (graduated Summa Cum Laude) and he holds an MBA in Finance from Georgia State University.

Cobb EMC Board Member – He was elected to the board of Cobb EMC in 2012 promising transparency, member control, and a return to financial stability. As with almost everyone on the current board, he ran as a strong proponent of term limits. He stated, "In my opinion term limits are in the best interest of the members:

- With regular turnover, term limits can provide an opportunity for new perspectives and ideas to be brought to the EMC
- Term limits could force directors to be more accountable to the EMC's members
- Term limits can help counteract the advantages that incumbents often have in elections, such as name recognition and resources
- Over 10 years ago, many directors argued that term limits can help reduce corruption by preventing directors from building up too much power and influence over time"

Cobb EMC is a not-for-profit cooperative. As a member of this electric cooperative, you benefit from our focus on serving you, and through the cooperative you have the opportunity to make a difference in our community.

Low Rates

- Ranked the most affordable electric utility in Georgia with the lowest rates in Georgia three years in a row.
- Since January 2013, Cobb EMC has given back \$75.7 million in power cost adjustments to members.

- Since 2021, Cobb EMC has given back \$43.9 million in capital credits to members.
- Controlling operating expenses is a high priority - currently Cobb EMC is 20% lower than peer group for expenses per member.
- In the past 3 years, Cobb EMC has absorbed (not passed on to members) approximately \$16.8 million of incremental power costs.

Improve Electrical Reliability

- In 2024, Cobb EMC ranked first in the nation for providing reliable power, according to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' 2024 benchmark year study results.
- Also, Cobb EMC was also ranked first for restoring outages quickly.

Customer Focused

- Cobb EMC's customer service group received an award for best in class in the nation on a Customer Service Phone Satisfaction survey.
- In 2024 Cobb EMC received a J.D. Power score of 785, ranking third according to J.D. Power.
- For the last three years, Cobb EMC has received American Customer Service Index scores of 92, which is 18 points higher than the average investor-owned utility, and 17 points higher than average municipal utility score of 75.

Encourage Renewable Energy where Appropriate

- By 2030, Cobb EMC has committed to having a 200% increase in renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions by 75%. To reach this goal, Cobb EMC will continue to look at the long-term economics and benefits of solar.
- In the past 6 years Cobb EMC has entered into agreements to purchase 175 megawatts (MW) of solar energy from projects constructed in GA.
- The addition of electric vehicles to the company's fleet, the creation of the first Solar Flower Garden, campus-wide rooftop solar panels, a battery storage building, and a microgrid project are all steps the cooperative is taking to research and develop renewable energy on its corporate campus.

Community Service

- Through Operation Round Up and the generosity of our members, the Cobb EMC Foundation has given more than \$9.3 million to local non-profits in all five counties that Cobb EMC serves. Additionally, they have provided \$70,000 each year in scholarships to local students.
- This year Cobb EMC awarded more than \$38,000 in Mini-Grants to 81 teachers across our five-county service area. These grants helped fund various experiential and active learning projects for students, including career preparation, STEM programs, community gardens, and expansions in art and music.
- Cobb EMC was recently named EMC of the Year and presented the Georgia EMC Community Service and

Volunteerism Award for unprecedented generosity and service to thousands of residents in the five metro Atlanta counties they serve.

Culture of Safety

- Cobb EMC has finished below the electric cooperative state and national average over the last five years on the injury incident rate.
- In the last Electric Cooperative Safety Accreditation Program (ECSAP) inspection performed by Georgia EMC, Cobb EMC was awarded an 'Exceeding Expectations, Outstanding Performer' rating.
- Cobb EMC provides community electrical safety awareness presentations for members, general public, schools, first responders, and other utilities.



TRIPPER SHARP

(Incumbent)

District 5 - Uncontested

Tripper Sharp has served on the Cobb EMC Board of Directors since 2012. During his tenure, he has held numerous leadership roles, including four years as Board Chairman, two years as Vice Chairman, and several committee chairmanships. He also serves on the

management committee of Gas South and as a board member of the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation.

With over 25 years of leadership experience in executive roles across the financial services and healthcare industries, Sharp currently serves as President and CEO of Sharp Home Care. He leads a team of Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Aides, and credentialed caregivers who assist seniors with daily activities, enabling them to live safely and independently at home. Sharp Home Care supports individuals who are aging, managing chronic health conditions, recovering from medical setbacks, or living with special needs or disabilities.

Sharp was a founding member of the Cobb EMC Owners Association and has served on numerous state and local boards. He holds a bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State University and has earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), Board Leadership Certificate (BLC), and Director Gold (DG) certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He resides in the Autumn Ridge subdivision with his wife, Marlo, and their four active children.

I was elected to the Cobb EMC Board on the promise that the cooperative would uphold the principles on which it was founded in 1938. I committed to promoting transparency and operating with sound business and ethical standards.

I believe this Board—and the many dedicated Cobb EMC employees—have fulfilled those promises.

After the election, it became evident that Cobb EMC was burdened by institutional inefficiencies that increased the cost of service. The company had a poor safety record, relied heavily on overpriced consultants and contractors, and was entangled in a costly lawsuit with its members over the return of patronage capital—spending millions fighting those it was meant to serve.

Recognizing the responsibility entrusted to us in 2012, the Board took decisive, principled action to address past mismanagement. Our mission was clear: restore integrity and strengthen Cobb EMC without exacerbating existing issues.

We focused on operating efficiently while maintaining high reliability standards. In 2024, Cobb EMC was ranked #1 nationally for power reliability by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers—an outstanding testament to our team's strategic use of technology and resources.

When I was first elected, Cobb EMC members paid some of the highest electricity rates in Georgia, driven by mismanagement and waste. Since then, the Board has prioritized cost-saving initiatives and efficiency improvements, resulting in multiple rate reductions. Even amid today's economic climate, Cobb EMC has avoided many of the costly rate hikes seen across the industry, ensuring that electricity remains affordable for our members.

Our members are now benefiting from the Board's commitment to operational excellence. Cobb EMC is viewed as a model of efficiency by more than 900 cooperatives across the nation and consistently maintains some of the lowest rates among Georgia's electric co-ops. For the past three years, Cobb EMC has had the lowest electric rates in the state—well below those of Georgia Power—thanks to smart planning and disciplined operations.

Additionally, our subsidiary Gas South has returned over \$118 million in dividends in 2024, further reducing costs for members.

As long as I have the privilege of serving on the Cobb EMC Board, I will remain steadfast in upholding cooperative principles, championing transparency, and leading with integrity.

I am deeply honored by the trust you've placed in me to continue this important work. Together with the dedicated employees of Cobb EMC and Gas South—whose commitment drives our continued success—I will work tirelessly to ensure our cooperative remains strong, accountable, and focused on delivering results for our members.



Biographies and Election Platforms provided by the candidates.