



**Virginia Early Childhood Foundation Elects Three Board Members**  
*New leaders excel in economic development, early childhood and social services sectors*

Richmond, Va. (June 20, 2018) – The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), a statewide public-private entity that supports early childhood education and school readiness for the Commonwealth’s youngest children, elected three new board members at the organization’s annual meeting on June 20, 2018.

The new board members who will serve a three-year term include:

- **Stephen Moret**, President & CEO of Virginia Economic Development Partnership
- **Shannon Rudisill**, Executive Director, Early Childhood Funders Collaborative
- **Duke Storen**, Commissioner of Social Services, Va. Department of Social Services

Before assuming his leadership role at VEDP in 2017, **Stephen Moret** served as President and CEO of the LSU Foundation, where he crafted a blueprint for its future development, preparing the institution to launch the largest capital campaign in state history. Concurrently, he served as Executive Director of the LSU Property Foundation to launch a \$180 million mixed-use real estate development, revitalizing the western edge of the LSU campus. From 2008 through early 2015, he served as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, which he transformed into one of America’s top state economic development agencies.

**Shannon Rudisill** is the first Executive Director of the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, assuming the position in November 2016. Under her leadership, ECFC is pursuing a strategy of growth and strategic engagement with partners across philanthropy to build capacity for supporting policies and practices that help young children and their families thrive. Prior to joining ECFC, she was the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development at the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, she served on the Obama Administration’s senior leadership team for early childhood programs.

**Duke Storen** was appointed as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services by Governor Ralph Northam in January 2018. Prior to that appointment, he was the Senior Vice President for Government Affairs and Program Development at Share Our Strength, which runs the No Kid Hungry campaign. He previously served as the Chief of Staff to Special Nutrition Programs at the United States Department of Agriculture and worked at the Department of Social Services during the administration of Governor Mark Warner.

In other action, **Deborah DiCroce**, President & CEO of Hampton Roads Community Foundation, **Glenn DuBois**, Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, and **Mark Gordon**, CEO of Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center and Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital, were re-elected for a second three-year term.

“We welcome Stephen, Shannon and Duke to our team and we are delighted that Deborah, Glenn and Mark will be sharing their expertise for another term of service,” said Bill Ermatinger, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Relations Officer for Huntington Ingalls Industries in Newport News, Va., and VECF board chair.

Kathy Glazer, President of VECF, added, “All of our board members understand that quality early childhood experiences are the pathway to school, life and career success. We appreciate their wisdom and innovative leadership in our long-term mission to strengthen the future workforce of Virginia.”

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**About the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation:** VECF creates results-oriented partnerships to ensure that young children are healthy and prepared for school, life and workforce success. To learn more about VECF and the Smart Beginnings initiatives, visit [www.vecf.org](http://www.vecf.org).

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