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BGR Welcomes Four New Directors, Announces Officers for 2025

Today, the Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) announces the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors and the election of its officers for 2025.

The board's newly elected members, who will serve for three-year terms beginning in 2025, are:

- **Kheri Billy**, Chief Executive Officer, Reconcile New Orleans, Inc. /Café Reconcile
- **Patrick Hernandez**, Director of Capital Access, Propeller
- **Mike Katz**, Senior Managing Director, Benson Capital Partners
- **Lauren Mastio**, Partner and Board Member, Jones Walker LLP

Officers of the board for 2025 are:

- **Steven W. Usdin**, Chair
- **Anne P. Baños**, Vice Chair
- **Nathalie Simon**, Secretary
- **Louis M. Freeman Jr.**, Treasurer
- **Ronald P. McClain**, Assistant Secretary
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The following directors have been reappointed to a three-year term, running through the end of 2027:

- **Ryan Adkerson**, Financial Advisor and Vice President, CAPTRUST
- **Ben A. Dupuy**, President, First Horizon Community Investment Group
- **Elizabeth Hefler**, Greater New Orleans Regional President, Hancock Whitney Bank
- **John Landrum**, Vice President for Product Innovation, Marketing and Organizational Culture, Intralox, LLC
- **Ronald P. McClain**, Executive Director, Institute of Mental Hygiene of the City of New Orleans

These board members are joined by returning members: **Elizabeth Boh, Melanie Bronfin, Carlin Conner, Mollye Demosthenidy, R. Foster Duncan, Perry Eastman IV, Jessie Haynes, H. Merritt Lane, Graham Ralston, Patty Riddlebarger, David C. Rieveschl, Kenneth St. Charles, Syrita Steib, Douglas M. Stokes, Vera Triplett, Lamar Villere and Charles West.**

“BGR’s Board of Directors consists of community leaders who want to contribute to the betterment of local government,” BGR President and CEO Rebecca Mowbray said. “We look forward to working alongside the board’s new and current members to achieve positive outcomes throughout the metropolitan New Orleans area.”

To learn more about BGR’s board members and their work in the New Orleans area, please visit our website at <https://www.bgr.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>.

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