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Courtney Thompson named GARCC President and CEO

The Board of Directors for the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce announced today that Courtney Thompson has accepted the position of President and CEO. Her appointment follows a six-month interim period of leadership by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Most recently serving as the GARCC Treasurer, in this capacity Thompson demonstrated an unwavering commitment to putting the needs of the Chamber, membership base, and staff first – dedicated to its success and growth.

A 2003 graduate of James Madison University, Thompson has spent her entire career in the Augusta County, Staunton, Waynesboro area focused on business development. In this capacity, she previously served as Director of Community Development at GARCC and enjoyed two separate terms on the GARCC Board of Directors.

2020 Board Chair, Matt Hale, believes Thompson is the right person at the right time to lead the Chamber forward. “Courtney stood out from the candidate pool, bringing in-depth knowledge of our business and a strong vision for success with a keen understanding of how to lead us there.”

Working collaboratively with the staff, and in seamless partnership with the sitting Board of Directors, Thompson will begin her tenure by developing an implementation plan to bring her strategic vision and driving priorities to life – ensuring excellence across all membership initiatives.

“I am excited to begin this next chapter of my career, in this new role, with our amazing staff and supportive Board of Directors”, Thompson shared, “and I am looking forward to collaborating with the valued business leaders in our thriving community.”

A prominent member of the Valley, Thompson resides locally with her husband and teenaged son, and can often be found spearheading numerous volunteer initiatives with her church, school, and equine rescue.

Having served the Chamber in multiple capacities over the past decade, Thompson now assumes the head leadership role effective March 1, 2020.

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