



**Keesler
Federal**

Board of Directors Nominees

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The nominating committee has placed the following names in nomination:

David Ford

Incumbent member of the Keesler Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, Ford previously served on the Supervisory Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and an MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi. Ford has served as board member for the American Cancer Society of Harrison County and the United Way of South Mississippi. He is past President of the Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation and past Chairman of the Harrison County American Red Cross. He served as a board member of the USM Foundation and as Secretary of the Foundation's Executive Committee. He served on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees and was Chairman in 2012 and 2013. Ford worked for Mississippi Power for 38 years, retiring June 2006 as Director of Marketing and Sales. Also in 2006, the USM College of Business Marketing Department honored Ford by naming its annual Marketing Leadership Award for him.

Cynthia Payne-Childers

Incumbent Treasurer of the Keesler Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, Payne-Childers has previously served as Chair and Vice Chair. As a member of the Board, she attends annual credit union seminars to stay abreast of timely issues. These seminars help in making sound, fact-based decisions. She holds a bachelor's degree from LSU Monroe in Corrections, serves on the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and has been a small business owner for over 50 years. Her company has been recognized with the Economic Excellence Award by the Gulf Coast Chamber and the Harrison County Development Commission as an Outstanding Midsize Company of the Year. She personally has received recognition for: Biloxi Career Woman of the Year, and one of the 50 Leading Business Women of Mississippi by the Mississippi Economic Council and the Mississippi Business Journal. She is a charter member of Leadership Gulf Coast.

Jamie Perronne

Incumbent Vice Chairman of the Keesler Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, Perronne has previously served on the Board as Vice Chairman, 7 years, Secretary, 3 years, and Treasurer, 2 years. She graduated from Mississippi University for Women with a Bachelor of Science degree and from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Master of Education degree and a Specialist in Educational Administration degree. She was a social studies teacher at St. Martin High School for 17 years, serving as Chairperson of the Social Studies Department for 12 of those years, and an administrator in the Jackson County School District for 13 years, serving as Director of Federal Programs/ Accreditation. She taught for 2 years as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Education/Psychology of the University of Southern Mississippi. She also served as President of the Board of Directors of the Jackson County School District Employees Federal Credit Union for 4 years.