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Gov. Brian Kemp Appoints New Members to the Georgia Humanities Board of Directors

(Atlanta, GA)—Georgia Humanities is pleased to announce that Governor Brian Kemp has appointed two new members and reappointed four members to its Board of Directors. The governor appointees join twenty-two other distinguished members from all around the state who are passionate about supporting and promoting the humanities in Georgia.

The Board of Directors is the governing body of Georgia Humanities, providing long-term vision, fiduciary oversight, and financial stewardship for the organization. Members are elected to three-year terms and represent different sectors of the state’s economy and geographic regions. The Governor of Georgia appoints up to six members, with additional members nominated by the public. The Board of Directors meets three times per year.

New Board Members

Joseph Alonso

Attorney Joseph B. Alonso is a partner at the law firm of Gregory, Doyle, Calhoun & Rogers (GDCR). As an executive committee member and head of the Trade Secrets Litigation Group at GDCR, Alonso has a national practice litigating disputes over trade secrets, employee raiding, intellectual property and non-compete agreements in courts and arbitration. He is a graduate of Emory University and Tulane University School of Law. Serving as a volunteer judge for the National History Day Georgia state contest introduced Alonso to the Georgia Humanities organization. He lives in Alpharetta.

Abit Massey

Known to many as the “dean of the poultry industry,” Abit Massey is president emeritus of the Georgia Poultry Federation, an organization he led from 1960 to 2009. A long-time supporter of higher education and research, Massey earned both the UGA President’s Medal and a Presidential Citation for Service from Georgia Tech, among many other honors. In addition to service with the UGA Ag Alumni Association, UGA Alumni Association, Georgia Research Foundation, and the Georgia Council on Economic Education, Massey was the first man elected to serve on the board of Georgia Women of Achievement. A graduate of the University of Georgia and Emory University School of Law, he lives in Gainesville.

About Georgia Humanities

Georgia Humanities is a nonprofit organization that serves every corner of the state, connecting people and communities through their stories to encourage conversation, education, and understanding. With programming that engages all ages and backgrounds, Georgia Humanities helps Georgians explore what shapes us as individuals and what binds us as a society. Funding for Georgia Humanities is provided by the Georgia General Assembly, the National Endowment for the Humanities, foundations, individual donors, and program partners. For more information, visit GeorgiaHumanities.org.

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