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W. Rod Gentry
Chairman
Rivanna District

Rod Gentry is a native of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Mr. Gentry retired from Union Bank & Trust in 2015 as a Senior Vice President and Senior Regional Retail Banking Executive. He has served as the Chairman of the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Gentry has also served on a number of non-profit boards in Charlottesville and Albemarle. He currently serves as a board member of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging.



Lettie Bien
Vice-Chair
Rio District

Lettie Bien is the Principal in Martial Venue, Inc., a company that provides consulting on a range of matters to include corporate governance, administration and operations, business development, and emergency/security planning. An attorney, her practice focuses on corporate and tax law. She has managed business entities of all sizes. A retired Army Reserve Colonel, she served two combat tours in Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star, among other awards and decorations.



Elton Oliver
Sec'y-Treasurer
Scottsville
District

Elton Oliver is the operations manager of the Morven Farms property which is owned by the UVA Foundation. Prior to his employment with UVAF, Elton also served as the Business Manager for JWK Properties, Inc. and as the Managing Director of the Morven Farms operation preceding being gifted to UVAF. Elton received a Bachelors of Science degree from UVA's McIntire School of Commerce in 1974, worked as a commercial bank examiner with the Bureau of Financial Institutions, Richmond, Virginia and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1985.



Jim Atkinson
Samuel Miller
District

Dr. Atkinson is a co-founder and Vice President of local manufacturing technology company Mikro Systems. He has co-founded three start-up technology companies, and has particular expertise in Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) applications and management. In 2009, Dr. Atkinson was appointed by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine to the Board of Advisors of Virginia's GENEDGE Alliance, an affiliate of the National Manufacturing Extension Partnership.



Don Long
At-Large

Don Long is a business and finance lawyer with Lenhart Pettit LP in Charlottesville. He has experience in all areas of business law, but he concentrates his practice in commercial lending and private equity offerings. Don is also the Chairman of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Authority, President of the Soccer Organization Charlottesville Area and an Executive Committee Member of the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area.



David Shreve
Jack Jouett District

David Shreve is the Executive Director of Wintergreen Adaptive Sports, a Nelson County-based non-profit dedicated to providing outdoor sports and recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities. He has served as a professor of economic history and a consultant for UVA. He has a PhD in economic history from Louisiana State University, and is currently the EDA Director for the Jack Jouett district.



Jim Bowling
EDA Counsel

James M. Bowling, IV, has represented the Economic Development Authority of Albemarle County in over 70 bond issues and other financial matters. He is a partner in St. John, Bowling, Lawrence & Quagliana, LLP, Charlottesville, VA. Mr. Bowling received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Virginia. He currently represents local government entities and employees, community associations, businesses and individuals in commercial real estate and business matters, and litigation. Other clients include the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Commonwealth of Virginia Division of Risk Management, the Albemarle County Service Authority, the Town of Scottsville, and the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board.