



Patrick T. Mumford
President & CEO
Gaston Business Association

The Gaston Business Association was established January 1, 2021 through the merger of the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Gaston Development Corporation to foster a prosperous and inclusive Gaston County economy for business, residents, and visitors. As President & CEO, Mumford provides strategic leadership in promoting business success, driving economic diversification, influencing the business environment, and enhancing workforce capacity.

Over his 30-year career, Mumford has gained diverse public sector, private sector, and elected office experience in economic development, which informs thoughtful and collaborative approaches to driving Gaston County's transformation into a regional business and economic leader.

Prior to his current role, Mumford served as the Executive Director of the Greater Gaston Development Corporation, Economic Development Department Director and Executive Strategy Leader with the City of Charlotte, and Senior Vice President of Corporate Real Estate and Environmental Affairs with First Union/Wachovia. In addition, Mumford served three terms as an at-large member of Charlotte's City Council.

Mumford, a Florida native, has been a Charlotte resident since his graduation from Clemson University in 1987 with dual bachelor's degrees in Architecture and Building Science & Management. He earned a master's degree in Organization Development from Queens University of Charlotte and is a Board Certified Coach, providing executive coaching services to enhance leader awareness, growth, and effectiveness.

Mumford and his wife of 29 years have two grown sons.

Experience

- President & CEO, Gaston Business Association (2021-Present)
- Executive Director, Greater Gaston Development Corporation (2019-2020)
- Principal, Leader Renovations (2017-Present)
- Executive Strategy Leader, City of Charlotte (2018-2019)
- Director, Economic Development - City of Charlotte (2017-2018)
- Director, Neighborhood and Business Services - City of Charlotte (2009-2017)
- SVP, Environ. Affairs - Wachovia (2003-2009)
- VP/SVP, Corporate Real Estate - First Union/Wachovia (1988-2003)

Education

- B.S. - Architecture, Clemson University
- B.S. - Building Science & Management, Clemson University
- M.S. - Organization Development, Queens University of Charlotte

Recent Community Involvement

- Ventureprise, Board Chair (2016)
- Charlotte Regional Fund for Entrepreneurship, Board (2016-2018)
- Charlotte Regional Business Alliance Foundation, Board (2020-Present)
- Goodwill Industries, Board (2021-Present)