

Hancock Set To Become New Tyler Area Chamber Of Commerce President

Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce held its final meeting of its fiscal year on Tuesday. Beginning on Oct. 1, Robert Hancock takes over from Aubrey Sharp as chamber president.

In one of its final acts of the year, chamber board members elected Jim Lambeth to succeed Hancock in 2009-2010.

Lambeth is an attorney and partner in the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson in Tyler. He previously was an assistant district attorney in Smith County.

He received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University, magna cum laude and graduated with a juris doctorate from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1995.

As a member of chamber he served as Business Development Council chair, treasurer and chair of Government Relations Committee. He has

served on Smith County Peace Officers Association and the advisory board of Tyler Junior College Law Enforcement Academy.

He is on Tyler Economic Development Council board and has served as a trustee of Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Shauna, have three children.

Hancock, the incoming chamber president, is an Austin Bank branch president. Hancock has served on the chamber's Executive Committee and chairman of Membership Services Council. He received the Contact Club Mary Howes Award in 2006.

He has been with Austin Bank since 1995.

Also on Tuesday, the Tourism Quarterly Award for Outstanding hospitality was presented to Tim Nance of

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Holiday Inn Select and Volunteer of the Quarter to Mark McDaniel of the city of Tyler for chairing the Retail Task Force.

In addition to Hancock and Lambeth, officers for 2008-

2009 include: David Hudson, Area Development chairman; Brian McCalla, Convention and Visitors Bureau chairman; Aubrey Sharpe, past chairman; Vicki Sorrell, Business Development chairman; Jerry

Woolverton, treasurer; Lynda York, membership services chairman; and executive committee-at-large members include: Stephen P. Carter, Rick Hefner, Mark McDaniel, Jamal Moharer and Felicity Reedy.

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