



## CITY OF ST. GEORGE

### Meet the Commission

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The Home Rule Charter Commission members appointed by the St. George City Council include the following:

- **Ryan Heck, Chair** – Councilman Heck serves as the chair of this commission utilizing his extensive background in government and success as a private business owner. Heck is a former member of the Metropolitan Council for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge and formerly owned Cajun Ready Mix Concrete prior to selling the business to an international company.
- **Patty Cook, Vice Chair** – Councilwoman Cook serves as the vice chair of this commission and as a councilmember at-large for St. George. Cook grew up in East Baton Rouge Parish, attended public schools and earned her bachelor's degree from LSU. Cook has been involved with the effort to incorporate St. George in 2013 as their volunteer coordinator. She has worked in education for 22 years as a volunteer and substitute teacher, currently with the LSU Lab School. She previously held the positions of office manager for the Louisiana Parent-Teacher Association and director of administration for Cellular One.
- **Norman Browning** – Browning is a Baton Rouge native of East Baton Rouge Parish presently serving as vice chair of the Transition District. Browning spearheaded and chaired the effort to establish Southeast Community School District and served as the Chairman of the Petition to Incorporate the City of St. George. He retired from the pharmaceutical industry with 25 years of experience, including 20 years in sales management and training. He was the co-owner and president of a durable medical equipment company for 8 years and a U.S. Army veteran with a combined 9-year active and reserve duty. He was activated for Desert Storm and achieved the rank of Major before resigning his commission. Browning was an East Baton Rouge Parish School System “Apple” recipient while serving as PTA President, chairing multiple fundraisers, and serving 15 years as a volunteer coach at Woodlawn High School. He is also an active member of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church and School, again chairing multiple committees and coaching youth athletics.
- **Jason DeCuir** – DeCuir has an extensive background in public policy, formerly serving as Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary, and Executive Counsel for the Louisiana

Department of Revenue. He earned his bachelor's degree from Howard University, MBA from Louisiana Tech University, a Bachelor of Civil Law and Juris Doctorate from LSU, and a Master of Laws degree in Taxation from Georgetown University. He is co-owner and partner at Advantous Consulting, LLC and a founding partner for Advantous Law.

- **Josh Hoffpauir** – Hoffpauir was instrumental in the founding and incorporation of St. George. Professionally, Hoffpauir established the architecture firm, Hoffpauir Studio, LLC, in 2006, and is the current Principal.
- **Chris Meyer** – Meyer serves as the President and CEO for the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and previously held the title of Founder and CEO of the New Schools for Baton Rouge organization. Meyer received his bachelor's degree from Tulane University, followed by a Master of Public Policy from Harvard and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania.
- **Erin Monroe** – Monroe serves as the Market Vice President for Greater Louisiana at Cox Communications, previously worked in the Governor's Office as Special Counsel and for the Baton Rouge Area Chamber as Executive Vice President. Monroe earned her bachelor's degree from LSU and her Juris Doctorate from Southern University.
- **Andrew Murrell** – Murrell is a Partner and Attorney with the Andrew Murrell Law Firm which he established in 2014. Murrell is the Chairman of the St. George Transition District. He worked closely on the city's development as its spokesperson, utilizing his legal knowledge to speak on and drive the incorporation process.
- **Dr. Rubin Patel** – Patel serves as the Founder and CEO of Patient Plus Urgent Care and launched a chain of urgent care clinics in 2015. Patel received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and his Doctor of Medicine from LSU in New Orleans.
- **Kimberly Plant** – Plant works at TruStage as a Strategy and Execution Consultant. Plant earned her bachelor's degree from Southern University, an MBA from the University of Phoenix, and her Project Management Professional certification from LSU.
- **Gerard Tarleton** – Tarleton has been an active supporter of the formation of St. George and currently serves as the Fire Chief at the St. George Fire Department. Tarleton has been the fire chief in St. George since 1987.

**For updates and further information regarding this process, stay tuned to the calendar and notices on [stgeorgela.gov](http://stgeorgela.gov), attend any of our planned commission or community meetings, and check back frequently for any updates related to this process as the commission conducts its work.**