

Michigan Chamber elects Deb Muchmore as 2026 Board Chair

Strategic public affairs leader to serve as chair of organization's Board of Directors

(Lansing, MICH – Jan. 27, 2026) The Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has elected a new chair for the 2026 calendar year – Deb Muchmore, president and founder of Deb Muchmore Consulting. Muchmore officially assumes the role effective Tuesday, Jan. 27. She succeeds David Lewis, president of the Heartland States for AT&T, who served as chair in 2025.

Michigan Chamber President & CEO Jim Holcomb thanked Lewis for his leadership and welcomed Muchmore to the role, noting that strong, engaged volunteer leaders are central to advancing the Chamber's mission to protect, connect and strengthen businesses and building a stronger Michigan for all.

"David's steady leadership, sound judgment and deep commitment to Michigan's business community helped guide the Chamber through a period of heightened policy and political complexity," Holcomb said. "As Michigan enters a highly consequential election year, Deb's credibility, strategic insight and trusted leadership position her perfectly to build on that foundation and ensure the voice of business remains clear, constructive and effective."

Muchmore is president and founder of Deb Muchmore Consulting, a public and government affairs advisory firm established in 2018. For nearly four decades, she has served as a trusted strategic counselor to corporate leaders, economic development teams and community stakeholders, helping organizations navigate high-profile issues and strengthen trust and reputation.

Prior to launching her firm, Muchmore served as a partner at Kandler Reed Khoury & Muchmore and as vice president for public affairs at Marketing Resource Group. A longtime business and civic leader, she serves on the executive board of the Michigan Chamber and has chaired the boards of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Lansing Economic Club, along with holding several statewide leadership appointments, including chair of the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority and service on the Michigan State Housing Development Authority board. Muchmore is a graduate of Michigan State University and a lifelong Michigan resident.

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 5,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties across the state and employing more than 1 million Michiganders. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.