

Revised Press Release

Governor Kemp Appoints Georgetown Native

Governor Brian Kemp announced 15 additional appointments to various state boards on May 21, 2019. Among those appointed was Georgetown native and resident Carvel Lewis. He has been appointed to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Board. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is responsible for establishing standards, regulations and policies for the operation of the TCSG.

Carvel Lewis is the licensed embalmer and funeral director for Lewis Mortuary, his family's business in Fort Gaines, GA and manages the second location in Georgetown, GA. He currently serves as Chairman of the Georgetown-Quitman County Board of Commissioners and the Quitman County Library Board. He has previously served on Quitman County Planning and Zoning Board and as Chairman of the Quitman County Water and Sewerage Authority.

In 2015, he was appointed by Governor Deal to the Middle Chattahoochee Water Council. Also, in 2018 President Donald Trump appointed him to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee and EPA's Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee. Lewis is also a member of Board of Managers for ACCG (Association of County Commissioners of Georgia) representing Georgia's consolidated governments.

Locally, Lewis is a member of the Quitman County Rotary Club and the local PTA, President of the Quitman County Civic League, and serves as a Steward, Trustee, Sunday School teacher and Director of Christian Education for St. Stephen AME Church in Georgetown.

He is a graduate of Hampton University in Hampton, VA with an undergraduate degree in Biology and an associate degree in funeral service from Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service in Decatur, GA. Lewis has served for over 20 years on the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. Board, chairing various boards and serving as Southeast Region President and National Vice President for the Eastern Regions. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the single father of one son, and they reside in Georgetown.

With Georgia being the number one state in America to do business, technical college education is vital in producing a quality workforce for businesses. Being committed to economic development and advocating for rural Georgia, this appointment will foster greater partnerships between businesses and Georgia's technical colleges, especially those in this part of the state, Albany Tech, Columbus Tech and South Georgia Tech. He will also be the first state board member in the funeral service industry, bringing an unique perspective to the importance of technical education.