

New Chairman, Vice-Chairman selected



The SCDOT Commission elected J. Barnwell Fishburne, left, as the new Commission Chairman and Gene Branham, right, as the new Commission Vice-Chairman during the Jan. 21, 2021, SCDOT Commission meeting in Columbia.

Commissioner Burriss resigns

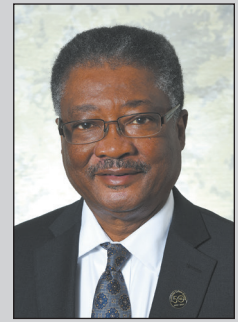
In April, 2nd Congressional District Highway Commissioner John Burriss resigned from the Commission due to family health reasons.

The 2nd Congressional District covers all or part of Aiken, Barnwell, Lexington, Orangeburg and Richland counties.



John H. Burriss

SCDOT Commission



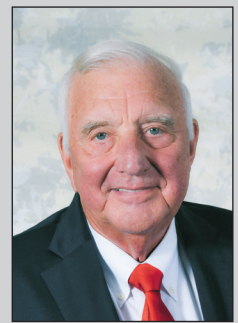
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Commissioner
At-Large



Nancy Whitworth
Commissioner
At-Large



Robert D. Robbins
1st Congressional
District



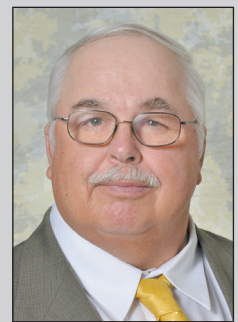
William B. Dukes
2nd Congressional
District



Pamela Christopher
3rd Congressional
District



Woodrow W. Willard
4th Congressional
District



Gene Branham
5th Congressional
District



Barnwell Fishburne
6th Congressional
District



Tony K. Cox
7th Congressional
District

William B. Dukes selected to serve 2nd Congressional District

William B. Dukes, of Chapin, was sworn in as the SCDOT Commission from the 2nd Congressional District on Aug. 10, 2021.

Dukes is owner of Blue Marlin Restaurant and Signature Catering.

A graduate from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Dukes received an ROTC commission in the US Air Force. A Vietnam veteran, Dukes served in the US Air Force for four years and attained the rank of Captain.

In 1981, Dukes cofounded and developed the Longhorn Steakhouse chain in the Carolinas.

Dukes is founder and Chairman of Honor Flight of SC, with more than 2,000 World War II and Kore-



William B. Dukes
2nd Congressional District

an War veterans honored. He was appointed by the Secretary of the Army to be the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army representing

South Carolina and served in this capacity from 2014-2018.

Dukes is a member of the Lexington-Richland Airport Commission, where he first began serving in 2002; served as member of the Newberry College Board of Trustees; is a former Director of the Columbia and Charlotte Chambers of Commerce; a former advisor to the SC Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging; past member of the USC Educational Foundation; past chairman of the Columbia Convention Center Authority; and chairman of the SC Synod-ELCA Tanzania Safe Water Task Force.

Dukes received The Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor, from the Governor of South Carolina. He and his wife, JoAnn, have two sons.

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