

## **Gregory Bethel, Named Executive Director of COMEC**



Gregory Bethel has been appointed as the new Executive Director of COMEC – The Commission on Missing and Exploited Children. A dynamic leader with more than 20 years of experience, Greg brings a proven track record in corporate leadership, executive training, stakeholder engagement, and community outreach. Greg was elected to his position after Len K. Edwards retired from the position April 2025, after 25

years of service. Len led the operations of the non-profit organization, often providing expert media commentary on child safety and many other programs, provided by COMEC.

Known as a trusted collaborator, Greg has extensive experience working alongside C-suite executives and is a frequent presenter at community events. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated the ability to lead teams effectively and deliver meaningful results aligned with organizational goals.

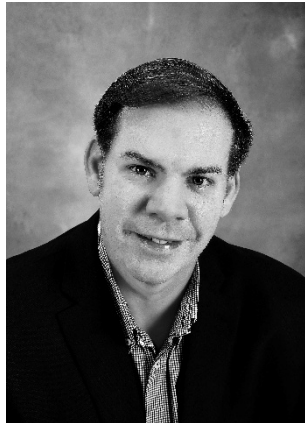
As COMEC's longest-tenured board member and a former Vice President, Greg steps into this role with both purpose and passion. His years of dedicated service reflect a deep commitment to the organization's mission of advocating for missing and exploited children. His investment in COMEC's continued growth and impact is both personal and professional.

Greg's diverse background has prepared him well for this leadership position. In his current role as HRBP Manager for the City of Memphis, he has developed a strong understanding of the community and the populations COMEC serves. His previous experience as a Director of Human Resources for a large school district and as a Store Operations Manager in a major retail organization has strengthened his ability to manage complex operations, collaborate across departments, and navigate sensitive environments with professionalism and integrity.

Looking ahead, Greg is focused on advancing COMEC's mission through strategic fundraising, enhanced donor relations, and deeper stakeholder engagement. He understands the importance of balancing mission-driven initiatives with financial sustainability and aims to build impactful partnerships, expand outreach efforts, and position the organization for long-term success.

In every role, Greg is committed to professionalism, building trust, and fostering meaningful connections that drive positive change.

## **Philip Boals, Newly Elected President of the Board of Directors for COMEC**



Philip Boals has been elected President of the Board of Directors for COMEC, the Commission on Missing and Exploited Children. He brings nearly three decades of professional experience in real estate valuation, banking, finance, land surveying, development consulting, and organizational leadership. Over the course of his career, Philip has built a reputation for thoughtful decision making, practical problem solving, and a steady leadership style grounded in accountability, sound judgment, and clear communication.

Throughout his professional background, Philip has served in roles requiring careful analysis, strong oversight, and the ability to navigate complex matters with consistency and professionalism. His experience includes commercial real estate valuation, collateral review, asset management, regulatory compliance, banking operations, and the development of internal policies and procedures designed to improve performance and long-term effectiveness. He has also contributed to projects involving strategic planning, operational improvement, and development-related consulting, giving him a broad perspective on both organizational structure and responsible growth.

In addition to his professional work, Philip desires a strong commitment to service and leadership within the nonprofit community. His involvement with COMEC reflects a genuine investment in the organization's mission and in the children and families it serves. He understands that organizations like COMEC must balance compassion with structure, and mission with sustainability. His leadership approach emphasizes not only service to the community, but also the importance of building a strong foundation that allows the organization to grow responsibly and remain effective over time.

As President of the Board of Directors, Philip is focused on helping COMEC strengthen its public presence, expand community partnerships, improve fundraising efforts, and support the organization's long-term sustainability. He believes meaningful nonprofit work requires both vision and discipline, and he is committed to helping COMEC continue its important role in advocacy, prevention, and family support. He also recognizes the importance of equipping the organization with the planning, structure, and community relationships necessary to support its mission well into the future.

Philip is committed to working closely with COMEC's leadership, fellow board members, community partners, and supporters to help the organization continue growing in a thoughtful and responsible way.

### Ways to Support COMEC:

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- Mail checks to: COMEC, 616 Adams Avenue, Room 102, Memphis, TN 38105
- Enroll in Kroger Community Rewards: <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/>
- *31st Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 12, 2026 at The Links at Galloway, 3815 Walnut Grove. **Sponsorship and Registration Open Now***
- *Christmas GALA - Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Ridgeway Country Club, 9800 Poplar Ave., Germantown, TN. **Sponsorship and Registration Opening Soon***