

Consolidation

Q&A

Q. Is this a merger?

A. No, it is an affiliation as both organizations will continue to remain in operation with independent Boards of Directors overseeing their work. The affiliation will provide unified staff leadership for both organizations.

Q. Why are the Chamber and Economic Development looking to consolidate?

A. To create a unified vision, mission, and strategic plan to better serve our community.

Q. How will this affect my membership dues?

A. Your membership dues will not be affected; there is no planned increase as a result of the consolidation.

Q. What are the advantages of the consolidation?

A. There are many benefits to be gained from this consolidation including:

- having one vision for business and industry growth
- shared resources including office space, technology, contacts, and expertise
- one team with common leadership and influence

Q. Who do I call if I need help with my business or membership?

A. You can still call the Chamber, one of the goals of the consolidation is to be a one-stop-shop for all business needs.

Q. How will this affect economic development activity?

A. We will still have a very strong economic development team and the goal is to enhance the economic development efforts through strong engagement with small business and community.

Q. Will I still be able to volunteer with the Chamber?

A. Yes, volunteers are vital to the success of the chamber.

Q. Will there still be a Chamber Board of Directors?

A. Yes, both the Chamber and the Economic Authority will remain and have separate boards of directors.

Q. When will this change happen?

A. The transition is expected to take place beginning January 1, 2022.

Q. Will the Chamber still host programs and events?

A. Yes, networking is a vital part of the Chamber, and we will continue to offer a variety of programs and events that offer networking and low-cost marketing opportunities, and education to our members.