AGENDA

7:30-8:00 Breakfast Buffet

8:00 Welcome:
   Kyle Wingfield
   President, Georgia Public Policy Foundation

8:05 Introduction of Breakfast Keynote Speaker

   Marissa McCall Dodson, Public Policy Director, Southern Center for Human Rights

8:10-8:50 Breakfast Keynote

   Judge Steven C. Teske
   Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Clayton Judicial Circuit
   ‘Criminal Justice Reform for a Secure Future’

   9:00-10:35 SESSION I

A Responsible Path Forward for Health Care

Change is coming slowly at the federal level even as health care costs and premiums continue to rise in the states. Georgia is not among the states that expanded the category of population covered by Medicaid, whose rising costs are unsustainable. Total Medicaid spending in FY 2016 was $574.2 billion; in FY 2017 it was $596 billion and continues to grow. Still, doing nothing is not an option. There are steps Georgia can and should take at the state level to help provide quality, affordable care for more Georgians.

Part 1: Certificate of Need Reform

Moderator: Naomi Lopez Bauman, Director of Healthcare Policy, Goldwater Institute

Panelists

   Rep. Terry England, Chairman, Georgia House Appropriations Committee
   Jimmy Lewis, CEO, Hometown Health

Part 2: Federal Opportunities at the State Level

Moderator: Kelly McCutchen, Executive Director, HINRI

Panelists

   John Haupert, President and CEO, Grady Health System
   Dr. Tom Price, former Secretary of Health and Human Services

10:40-11:50 SESSION II

Responsible Pension Reform in Georgia

In 2017, Georgia’s budget included $223 million for the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to improve its financial security. This year, Governor Nathan Deal’s FY 2019 budget included another $361.7 million. Why is this happening? How much longer will Georgia taxpayers have to pump money into the TRS? What assurances do Georgia teachers entering the profession have that their benefits will be there when they retire?

Part 1: Overview

   Len Gilroy, Senior Managing Director, Pension Integrity Project, Reason Foundation.

Part 2: Reform in Georgia and Beyond

Moderator: Len Gilroy

Panelists

   Rep. Chuck Martin, Chairman, Georgia House Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee
   Rep. Thomas Albert, Chairman, Michigan House Financial Liability Reform Committee

12:00 Georgia Welcome! Lunch Buffet

12:20-1:15 Luncheon Keynote

   Chuck Reed
   Past Mayor, San Jose, Calif.
   ‘Keeping Our Promises, Protecting the Public’

   1:30-3:00 SESSION III

Education — Business Takes the Lead

Education choice is a slow creep in Georgia, as innovators often must drag establishment ‘educrats’ forward into the future. Understanding that the vast majority of Georgia’s students will continue in public schools, and that a college degree is not for every young Georgian, policymakers and businesses are helping students succeed by tailoring talents in traditional environments.

Panel 1: The Marketplace as Classroom Innovation

Moderator: Patrick Jones, founder and CEO, VOCATIO

Panelists

   Callie Majors, Senior Vice President for Brand Strategy and Investor Relations, 3DE Schools, formerly Junior Achievement Academy
   Student at a 3DE school (invited)

Panel 2: Connecting Students to What’s Next

Moderator: Mark Peevy, Assistant Commissioner for Secondary Education Initiatives, Technical College System of Georgia

Panelists

   Brian Cooksey, Director of Operations Training and Development, Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
   Dr. Roger Lotson, Director of the Fort Stewart Youth ChalleNGe Academy, 2018 National Youth ChalleNGe Director of the Year
**Judge Steven C. Teske**

Judge Steven C. Teske is the Chief Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Clayton Judicial Circuit. He was appointed juvenile court judge in 1999 and serves as a Superior Court Judge by designation.

Teske has testified before Congress and several state legislatures on detention reform and zero-tolerance policies in schools. He was appointed by the Governor to the Children and Youth Coordinating Council, Governor’s Office for Children and Families, Department of Juvenile Justice Judicial Advisory Council, JDJ Statewide Steering Committee, Georgia Commission on Family Violence, and the Georgia Criminal Justice Reform Commission.

Teske served two terms on the Federal Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and is the National Chair of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and has served on the Board of Directors. He is past president of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the Clayton County Bar Association.

He has written several articles on juvenile justice and his book, "Reform Juvenile Justice Now," is a collection of essays on juvenile justice issues.

Teske is the 2018 recipient of the Juvenile Law Center Leadership Prize Award. He is a Toll Fellow of the Council of State Governments and received his J.D., M.A. and B.I.S. degrees from Georgia State University and is an adjunct law professor at John Marshall Law School in Atlanta.

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**Luncheon Keynote Speaker**

Chuck Reed was mayor of San Jose from 2007 through 2014. As mayor, his top priority was saving the city from insolvency and fiscal disaster. After 10 years of cutting services to balance the budget, his Fiscal Reform Plan was implemented in 2011, saving the city hundreds of millions of dollars, stabilizing the budget, and allowing some services to be restored. The plan included a pension reform ballot measure, which won 70 percent of votes.

Reed has been recognized as a national leader on pension reform by national media, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities. The Wall Street Journal called Reed “A Liberal Mugged by Pension Reality.” Known alternatively to voters as “Captain America,” “Mr. Integrity,” and “the Green Mayor,” his work on pension reform in America’s 10th-largest city paved the way for many other cities to tackle their own fiscal retirement planning.

Reed is a founder and board member of the Retirement Security Initiative, a national, bipartisan advocacy organization focused on protecting and ensuring the fairness and solvency of public sector retirement plans. (retirementsecurityinitiative.org). He is a member of the real estate group of the law firm of Hopkins & Carley, San Jose office.

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**Panelists and Moderators**

**Thomas Albert** is a Michigan state representative who chairs the Michigan House Financial Liability Reform Committee. A graduate of the University of Michigan, where he majored in both political science and history, he was commissioned as a Marine Corps officer and was deployed to Iraq as an advisor to the Iraqi army. After leaving active duty, he continued to serve as a reservist and used the G.I. Bill to attain a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Michigan State University with a concentration in finance. He then obtained the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) certification. After completing his MBA, Thomas worked as an investor for the State of Michigan Retirement Systems.

**Naomi Lopez Bauman** is the Director of Healthcare Policy for the Goldwater Institute. She most recently served as the Director of Research and the Director of Health Policy at the Illinois Policy Institute. During that tenure, she also served on the executive committee for the American Legislative Exchange Council’s Health and Human Services Task Force. Lopez Bauman’s previous work includes public policy consulting and director of the Center for Enterprise and Opportunity and the Project on Children at the Pacific Research Institute. She is a frequent public speaker and has authored hundreds of studies, opinion articles and commentaries. She holds a B.A. in economics from Trinity University in Texas and an M.A. in government from Johns Hopkins University.

**Brian Cooksey** is the Director of Operations Training for Shaw Industries Group, Inc., in Dalton. Shaw, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., is one of the world’s largest floorcovering manufacturers with over $6.0 billion in annual sales, more than 100 manufacturing and distribution facilities and 23,000 associates across the globe. Cooksey serves on the board of directors for two College & Career Academies, the Georgia College & Career Academy Network, Georgia FIRST Robotics and Great Promise Partnership. He is a member of the State of Georgia’s Charter Advisory Committee and workforce development committee for the Georgia Association of Manufacturers and co-chairs the Education Partnership Committee for Believe Greater Dalton.

**Terry England** is a Georgia state representative. Elected in 2004, the farmer and small businessman has chaired the House Appropriations Committee since 2011. He is co-chairman of the Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee, which seeks a sustainable solution to meet the health care needs of rural hospitals, and co-chairman of the House Rural Development Council that is studying ways to boost our state’s rural communities. After attending the University of Georgia, he became a farmer and agribusinessman and provides consulting services for construction and agribusiness industries as president/CEO of Pete’s Enterprises, Inc. Before his election England was Chairman of the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce.
Callie Majors is Vice President of Brand Strategy and Investor Relations for 3DE National, LLC (formerly Junior Achievement Academy). She maintains a leadership role in the sustainable growth of 3DE schools to further drive economic opportunity and build towards the vision of systemic transformation of public education. Majors is responsible for communicating the organization’s strategy, growth opportunities and business initiatives to constituents and the investor community. She also leads efforts to evaluate real-world performance and integration within 3DE schools.

Chuck Martin is a Georgia State Representative and Chairman of the Georgia House Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee. In past sessions, he served as Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety and was Chairman of Energy and Environment of the Southern Legislative Conference. Martin was a member of the Alpharetta City Council (1993-1995), then mayor of Alpharetta until 2002, when he was elected to the Georgia General Assembly. The native of Alpharetta earned his B.B.A. in Management Science at the University of Georgia before pursuing a career in information technology and real estate consulting. Martin is currently a director with Ryan, Inc.

Kelly McCutchen is Executive Director of the High Impact Network of Responsible Innovators (HINRI.org), a venture philanthropy. Before that, he was President and CEO of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation. A native of Ellijay, Ga., and a graduate of Georgia Tech, McCutchen has served on the boards of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and Leadership Georgia and was a founder and Governing Board Chair of Tech High, a math, science and technology-focused public charter school in Atlanta. He currently chairs the board of The Warrior Alliance.

Mark Pevey is the Technical College System of Georgia’s Assistant Commissioner for Secondary Education where he manages all Secondary-facing initiatives across the entire state. He is also a seasoned leader in the charter school and education reform arenas and has wide-ranging experience as Board Chair for the Georgia Charter Schools Association, former Executive Director of the Georgia Charter Schools Commission, and as CEO of one of Georgia’s College & Career Academies. He is a 1992 graduate of Princeton University, a 2008 graduate of Leadership Georgia, and a 20-year Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Dr. Tom Price, an orthopaedic surgeon, most recently served as the 23rd Secretary of Health and Human Services. The third-generation physician earned his Bachelor's and M.D. at the University of Michigan and completed his General Surgery Internship and Orthopaedic Surgery Residency at Emory University. He served four terms in the Georgia State Senate and became the first Republican Senate Majority Leader in the history of Georgia. He was elected as the U.S. Representative for Georgia’s 6th Congressional District (2005-2017) and served in various leadership and chairmanship roles. Price is a fierce advocate for a patient-centered health care system that adheres to six key principles: affordability, accessibility, quality, choices, innovation and responsiveness.

Leonard Gilroy is Senior Managing Director of the Pension Integrity Project at Reason Foundation, a nonprofit think tank advancing free minds and free markets. The Pension Integrity Project assists policymakers and other stakeholders in designing, analyzing and implementing public sector pension reforms. The project aims to promote solvent, sustainable retirement systems that provide retirement security for government workers while reducing taxpayer and pension system exposure to financial risk and reducing long-term costs for employers/taxpayers and employees.

John Haupert has served as President and CEO of Grady Health System in Atlanta since 2011. Grady is the safety-net health care system serving Fulton and DeKalb counties and the primary Level I trauma center and burn center for metro Atlanta. Haupert began his career at Methodist Health System in Dallas in 1992 and was COO at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas before joining Grady. In 2015, he was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to the Board of the Georgia Department of Public Health. A native of Ft. Smith, Ark., he is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, where he earned a M.S. in Health Care Administration and a B.S. in Business Administration.

Patrick Jones is the founder and CEO of VOCATIO, an award-winning, liberal arts-inspired media network and talent-scouting platform that connects employers with high-caliber, high-fit interns and entry-level job candidates. Working with universities and students directly, VOCATIO helps employers discover hidden talent among a more diverse population of student candidates utilizing predictive talent analytics, employer branding and career engagement strategies. The company has recently been in The LA Times, KGO-810 Silicon Valley’s “Techonomics,” and on Bloomberg TV’s “Day Break America.”

Jimmy Lewis is CEO of HomeTown Health, LLC, which advocates for and develops business opportunities for member rural hospitals, serving more than 70 hospitals throughout the Southeast and partnering with nearly 60 vetted, best-practice business partners. HomeTown Health’s HomeTown Health University, (hthu.net) serves over 10,000 professional learners nationwide. Lewis serves on the Governor’s Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee, Global Partnership for Telehealth Board, and is a trusted advisor on rural health care at the Capitol. He earned a Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering from Auburn University and has held senior management positions in six Fortune 500 companies.

Dr. Roger Lotson is the Director of the Youth ChalleNGe Academy (YCA) at Fort Stewart, Ga., where he and his staff help more than 450 young Georgians per year obtain the discipline, education and life skills to become successful in life. In 2018, he was named the National Director of the Year for Youth ChalleNGe. He joined the YCA after 22 years in the U.S. Navy, where he retired as a Naval Officer. Lotson earned several degrees, among them Master's degrees in Education and Public Administration, and a Ph.D. in Management. He is a Baptist pastor and Adjunct Professor at Brewton Parker College.