



Oktibbeha County Leadership FORUM

Steering Committee Responsibilities

The Leadership FORUM Steering Committee plays a vital role by serving as the guiding body for the Oktibbeha County Leadership FORUM. First and foremost, Steering Committee members contribute their perspectives and expertise by providing input to the program curricula and by selecting the applicants to participate in the program. Along with representatives of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership and the program coordinating organization, Steering Committee members develop and maintain the mission and vision of the program. The Steering Committee also provides a body to which the program coordinator is accountable and should make annual recommendations to the Greater Starkville Development Partnership Board of Directors regarding renewal of the program coordinator's contract.

Committee Member Roles and Responsibilities

- Participate in two-hour monthly Steering Committee meetings. These meetings are held on the second Friday of each month in the Greater Starkville Development Partnership Boardroom.
- Determining and maintaining the goals and mission of the FORUM program.
- Provide insight into the revision of existing or development of new objectives and strategies that support the program's mission.
- Act as the selection committee of final authority in selecting program participants.

Steering Committee Composition and Term Limits

- Each of the four most recent FORUM classes will have three representatives on the Steering Committee. Terms of a particular class's representatives will be staggered so as to insure continuity in the committee's operation.
 - The initial representatives from a particular class will be chosen by the program coordinator from participants interested in serving on the committee.
 - Subsequent representatives will be chosen by the Steering Committee with advice and input of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership ex-officio representative and the program coordinator.
- The Board of Directors of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership will appoint a representative to the committee. This representative will be a full member of the committee and, as such, will have full voting rights.
- Due to the fact that the FORUM has such a strong community orientation, up to three outside members will be appointed to the committee. These members may either be recruited by the Steering Committee or may volunteer through the Greater Starkville Development Partnership volunteer recruitment efforts. These members' terms will be staggered in the same fashion as those of the FORUM graduates' group to insure continuity in the Steering Committee's operation.
- Steering Committee position term limits will be three years. Steering Committee members may serve up to two consecutive full terms. If a suitable applicant cannot be found for a vacant position, then that position will remain vacant until a suitable person is found to complete the remainder of the term.
- Commitment to the program is of the utmost importance. Therefore, if a Steering Committee member misses three consecutive meetings, that person may be removed from the Steering Committee and another person recruited to fill the unexpired portion of the term.