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Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce Appoints Kellie N. Taillon as President & CEO

Hammond, IN – The Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, a leading voice for business in Northwest Indiana, has appointed Kellie N. Taillon as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. Taillon was unanimously selected by the Board of Directors on June 19, 2025, following an extensive search process.



The vacancy received over 80 applications, which were carefully reviewed by the Executive Board and narrowed down to the 20 most qualified candidates. Extensive interviews were later conducted to identify the top three finalists. The ultimate decision to select Taillon was presented to and approved by the entire Board.

Kellie Taillon has more than 20 years of banking experience in Northwest Indiana and is actively engaged in the community. She currently serves on the boards of the Challenger Learning Center, Hammond Urban Enterprise Association, and Hammond United Neighborhoods Inc.

“I am honored to serve as President and CEO of the Lakeshore Chamber,” said Taillon. “My goal is to bring people together, support local businesses, and expand opportunities for growth in East Chicago, Hammond, and across Northwest Indiana. Together, we can make it easier to start, grow, and thrive in business, right here at home.”

Board leadership also expressed confidence in the Chamber’s new direction.

“I’m excited to work with the new President and CEO,” stated Juan J. Moreno, Vice Chairman of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce Board. “Kellie brings a lot of strength and value to our Chamber. I look forward to her professionalism and her strong mindset and goals that align with the new vision and direction of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.”

Monica Rubio, Chairwoman of the Board, added: “Kellie’s appointment represents a new chapter for the Lakeshore Chamber. Her leadership and deep ties to the region will help us continue strengthening the Chamber’s role as a partner for businesses and communities throughout Northwest Indiana.”

This appointment marks a significant step in the Chamber’s effort to position Lake County, Indiana, as a preferred location for new business development, while also supporting the retention and expansion of existing businesses in the region.

As part of this new chapter, the Chamber is excited to announce its upcoming event, **Lakeshore Live**, taking place on **Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 3:00–7:00 PM at the Indiana Welcome Center**. The event will feature a **Celebrity Game Show with local leaders, food trucks, a cash bar, and business & community tables**—along with a special opportunity to **meet the new CEO**. Designed to bring together businesses and the community in a high-energy setting, Lakeshore Live offers the chance to connect, promote, discover new opportunities, and enjoy an unforgettable evening.

Founded in 2001 through the merger of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce and the East Chicago Chamber of Commerce, the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce continues to serve as a voice for local businesses and a hub for economic collaboration throughout Northwest Indiana.

The Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce is located at 7120 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, IN. For more information, please visit their website at www.lakeshorechamber.com.

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