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Elizabeth Sanders appointed to the Alabama Historical Commission

In January, Governor Bob Riley appointed Elizabeth Sanders to the Alabama Historical Commission.

Elizabeth Sanders is a long time preservationist and is the executive director of the Downtown Mobile Alliance. The Alliance has worked for the past two decades to foster sustainable and sensitive redevelopment in Downtown Mobile. During her time in Alabama, Downtown Mobile has experienced a rebirth that has included the renovation of historic structures along with the construction of new buildings all for office, commercial, and residential uses.

A Charleston, SC native, she received a BA in History from the College of Charleston. She is a Certified Main Street Manager from the National Main Street Center. She also serves on the boards of the International Downtown Association, Mobile Bay Convention & Visitor's Bureau, and the Southern High Speed Rail Commission.

"I grew up watching the many renovation projects in downtown Charleston in the 70's and 80's and developed a core belief that historic buildings can have many and varied lives," Sanders said. "In downtown Mobile, we would see more redevelopment happening if we had more historic buildings for people to acquire and renovate," she added. The University of South Alabama appointed Ms. Sanders to replace Greg Waselkov.

According to Executive Director Frank White, "I am grateful for the dedication and expertise Commissioner Waselkov shared with us during his service. And we look forward to working with Commissioner Sanders. She is an excellent addition to the board."

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.

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