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### A Message From Our President...



Dear NBCC members:

The Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) wishes everyone a Happy New Year! 2010 was a great year for the Chamber with many highlights to remember. The NBCC membership growth with new energy and the annual NBCC luncheon fundraiser were two significant successes in 2010. The fundraiser attendees were inspired by the thoughts from keynote speaker Henry Hicks, president of Gray Line of Tennessee. *Please read highlights from his message in this newsletter.*

2011 has already presented steps toward new opportunities with the expansion of the board of directors and new officers. In January Al Bodie, entrepreneur and owner of Bodie and Associates, was named the new chairman of the board; Shay Howard, with Zeitlin & Co., Realtors, was named Secretary; Amber Gooding, Metropolitan Airport, was named Treasurer.

I am grateful to those new members who trust that we will add benefits to their business growth and to our sponsors who are supporting diversity, inclusion and opportunity. Corporate partnerships are extremely valuable to NBCC and help the organization carry out important programs and initiatives. Thanks to the platinum support of HCA/Tri-Star, and other sponsorships from Regions Bank, AT&T, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, Hudson and Onsite News & Gifts and Bridgestone USA.

It was a pleasure to serve as the president of the NBCC in 2010 and I look forward to serving in 2011. Thank you again for your support as we continue our mission "to economically empower the black community through the promotion, education, and advancement of its businesses and their partners."

Sincerely,

Valisa Thompson  
NBCC President

Our 2010 Annual Luncheon was an enormous success and if you missed it...you missed a treat. Henry Hicks, president of Gray Line of Tennessee, our key note speaker, focused on "A Context for Commerce -Keys to Building a Business." In his speech, he challenged, inspired and motivated us all to get out there and get it done.

There were five specific areas that he shared with us from a list he compiled of 22 keys to building business. Each "key" has a detailed description of how something in his life, career or professional development assisted him in realizing how important these elements are in order to be successful.

1. Identify your calling and focus on your gift.
2. Establish a goal. And make it a Big Hairy Audacious Goal!
3. Develop a written business plan.
4. Follow Up! Follow Up! Follow Up! Follow Up!
5. Recognize that it's not about you!

Feel free to visit Henry online and continue the conversation with him at [Facebook.com/DreamBigThenExecute](https://www.facebook.com/DreamBigThenExecute). You may also request a copy of the full list-which he is happy to share-by emailing him at [marketing@dreambigthenexecute.com](mailto:marketing@dreambigthenexecute.com).



As we add value to your membership we want to invite you to submit your interest to be our member spotlight in future e-newsletter publications. Please contact Scott Davis at [sdavispride@comcast.net](mailto:sdavispride@comcast.net) or Tameika Jones at [tameikajones@gmail.com](mailto:tameikajones@gmail.com) for more information. Please let us know if you would like to be featured in our next publication.

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## 2011 Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce Board Members and Officers



### **Al Bodie**, **BODIE & ASSOCIATES, INC. - *Board Chair***

Al Bodie currently serves as President of Bodie & Associates, Inc., a full service Government Relations, Marketing, Diversity, and Public Relations Firm. His background includes a variety of sales, management, and executive positions with IBM in its Data Processing Division.

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### **Amber Dancy Gooding**, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority - ***Treasurer***

Amber Gooding is director of Business Diversity Development with the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA). Gooding also serves as a networking resource and liaison to provide the maximum opportunities for large and small companies to participate in contracting with the Authority's two airports, Nashville International Airport and John C. Tune Airport.

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### **Shay Howard**, Zeitlin & Co., REALTORS - ***Secretary***

Shay Howard is a Real Estate Broker with Zeitlin & Co., REALTORS working with buyers and sellers of residential real estate. Shay also currently serves on the boards of CABLE, Renewal House and Young Leaders Council.

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### **Nicole James**, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

Nicole James is an attorney at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz. She concentrates her practice in the areas of corporate law, business technology, and mergers & acquisitions. She is active in the community and also serves as a board member of the KRS Foundation, Young Leaders Council, and Youth Encouragement Services.

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### **Vic Lineweaver**, Past Juvenile Court Clerk

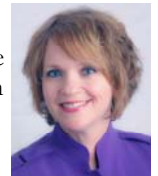
Vic Lineweaver has been in private business as owner of Bellevue Patrol and Security. He has served several terms in the Metro representing West Nashville and the Bellevue area and has also served as Metro's Juvenile Court Clerk. He is currently doing private investigating.

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### **Tracy Rode**, Vision 3 Interactive

Tracy Thompson Rode is President of Vision3 Interactive, an Internet consulting firm based in Nashville. She also serves on the boards of CABLE, FiftyForward and Book 'Em and is active in Nashville Rotary and the Nashville Women's Political Caucus. Rode is a native of Spring Hill, Tennessee, and a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

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### **Carolyn Waller**, Zeitlin & Co., REALTORS

Carolyn is an Accredited Buyer Representative who operates with the highest level of integrity and provides expert service to all her clients. Carolyn is very active in her community and church. She and her husband Joel have been married for twenty three years and have two lovely daughters Lauren and Alexis.

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### **Rachel L. Bell**, Bell & Kinslow, PLLC

Attorney Rachel L. Bell is the Managing Partner of Bell & Kinslow, PLLC, a law firm that specializes in general/small business representation, family law (divorce), real estate, and probate law (wills & estate planning). Rachel is the president of Disciples Village, serves on the board for Hands On Nashville, Women In Numbers, Davidson County Industrial Development Board and GROW.

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### **Tameika G. Jones**, Cummins Inc.

Tameika is a native of Demopolis, Alabama and currently resides in Columbus, Indiana. She works as the US Global OnBoarding facilitator, integrating college graduate hires and professional hires into the Cummins workplace culture.

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### **Jenean Davis**, Nashville CARES

Jenean Davis is a Development Officer, Events for Nashville CARES. She also serves as a board member of Young Leaders Council, The Village Cultural Arts Center, and ISOA, and is an active member of Living Word Community Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, and CABLE. Davis is a native of Nashville, TN and was a 2007 nominee for the Nashville Emerging Young Leader Award, and a 2008 ATHENA Award nominee.

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### **Terri W. Roberts**, Onsite News & Gifts

Terri W. Roberts is Vice President and co-owner Onsite News an airport concessions retailer with locations in Nashville International Airport, Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and National Harbor, Maryland. She has served on numerous boards throughout her professional career. Terri and her husband Sandy and their three children live in Mitchellville, Maryland.

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### **Deidre Thomas**, Hoskins & Company

Deidre Thomas is the Marketing Director at Hoskins & Company, the oldest, continuously existing minority owned CPA firm in Middle Tennessee. Deidre is the chairperson of the Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce's School Partnership Initiative (SPI). SPI exposes MNPS students to business owners/professionals of similar cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

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**Not Pictured:**

**Allen Williams**, Sinclair Broadcasting

**Scott Davis**, Pride Publishing