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## **Announcing the 2023 InnoVision Executive Committee**

The InnoVision Awards Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Executive Committee for 2023. The Board of Directors voted unanimously on the proposed Executive Committee during the January Board meeting. The Committee represents various industries and regions in South Carolina and looking forward to leading the organization.

The 2023 Executive Committee:

### **Chair of the Board**

Cian Robinson  
Founder and President, Robinson Ventures  
Hartsville, SC

### **Vice Chair, Chair-Elect**

Kella Player  
Program Manager, Academic Innovations at South Carolina Research Authority  
Charleston, SC

### **Vice President**

Cody Reynolds  
Intellectual Property and Commercialization Director, Prisma Health  
Greenville, SC

### **Treasurer**

Jay Gibson  
Forensic Valuation and Litigation Support Practice Leader, Elliott Davis, LLC  
Greenville, SC

### **Past Chair, Ex Officio**

Amy Robichaud  
Ecosystem Collaborator, Managing Director (Retired) at Deloitte

Greenville, SC

The Executive Committee is excited about their new roles and looking forward to celebrating innovation in the state. Cian Robinson, Chair of the InnoVision Awards Board said, "We are excited to celebrate 25 years of InnoVision Awards and innovation in South Carolina. As part of the innovation ecosystem in the state, we will continue to support, embrace, and celebrate the risk-taking culture that embodies South Carolinian innovators and their companies. Today, more than ever, it is important that we resource our innovators and entrepreneurs as each grows the future workforce and economy of South Carolina." In addition to the Executive Committee, the board also welcomed four new members to the organization. The board is now served by sixteen members coming from diverse industries and backgrounds.

**New Board Members:**

John Blomberg  
South Carolina Small Business Development Centers Area Manager and  
Business Consultant  
Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Winthrop University and  
Queens University  
Fort Mill, SC

Tracy Harrell Dunn, Ph.D.  
Dean, Burroughs School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Benedict College  
Columbia, SC

Tressa Gardner  
Associate Vice President, Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and  
Technology  
Florence, SC

Jeff Spencer  
CEO and Co-founder, Playfora  
Columbia, SC

**Continuing Board Members:**

Blaine Childress  
Founder, ChemAu LLC  
Inman, SC

Hunter Freeman  
Attorney and Business Advocate, Kim, Lahey & Killough Law Firm  
Greenville, SC

Julia Linton  
Founder, Julialinton.com  
Charleston, SC

Chris Loveless  
Senior Director, Integrated Business Services at VELUX America  
Greenwood, SC

Michael G. Mino  
Ecosystem Builder, BlueInc Strategy, Inc  
Greenville, SC

Richard Nelson  
Director, Information Technology Services (Retired), The Citadel  
Greenville, SC

Eric Thome  
President, Into the Ideal  
Charleston, SC

### **InnoVision Awards**

In addition to the new Executive Committee and Board members, InnoVision Awards celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The January Board Meeting took place in Columbia, SC, and was the first in-person meeting for the board since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here members discussed the format of the event and decided to have an in-person awards ceremony this Fall which has been online since 2020. The Board of Directors will be planning this event over the upcoming months to celebrate innovation and recognize innovators.