

July 10, 2026

Dear SECU Members,

The Board Nominating Committee is pleased to share its nominated board candidates and information about the comprehensive evaluation process that guided our selections for the upcoming 2026 SECU Board of Directors Election.

The three candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee are:

- **Michael Clements**
- **Christopher Dillon**
- **Charles Stone**

The responsibility of the SECU Board Nominating Committee is to identify, evaluate, and nominate prospective candidates for the SECU Board of Directors by assessing the eligibility for membership on the Board of Directors and multiple other factors including the merits of the candidates by way of their education, character, professional, board and volunteer experience, as well as their knowledge of the Credit Union, demonstrated commitment to the needs of members, and capacity and capability to be an effective addition to the current composition of the SECU Board of Directors.

Prospective candidates submitted applications to the Nominating Committee, all of which were reviewed individually and in detail. The Nominating Committee evaluated each candidate on the merits of their applications to select three candidates for nomination to the Board of Directors and consideration by the membership on the election ballot.

Of the candidates who applied, **Clements, Dillon, and Stone** best meet the evaluation criteria to effectively serve on the Board of Directors for the Credit Union and as advocates for our members in line with SECU's mission, vision, and values.

Any applicant who was not selected by the Nominating Committee will be notified and provided with the Official Nominating Petition in the event they wish to pursue self-nomination to appear on the ballot.

The Nominating Committee is encouraged by the level of candidate engagement and participation in this year's election and respects the right of every member to vote for the candidates they believe can best oversee and guide our Credit Union on behalf of the membership.

As members, your active participation in our democratic process is crucial to SECU's success. More information about the SECU Annual Meeting scheduled for October 13 will be available on our website, www.ncsecu.org, on August 28, 2026.

Thank you,

SECU Board Nominating Committee

McKinley Wooten, SECU Board Nominating Committee Chair
Stelfanie Williams, SECU Board Chair
Chris Ayers, Board Member
Mark Fleming, Board Member
Carson Carmichael, at-large

