

Municipal Summit 2024

March 12, 2024



Attending Cities

- Brooks
- Fayetteville
- Newnan
- Peachtree City
- Senoia
- Sharpsburg
- Tyrone
- Woolsey

Agenda

- **8:30 am**- Arrival and Coffee
- **9:00 am**- Welcome Remarks & Introductions
(Kim Learnard, Peachtree City Mayor)
- **9:05 am**- Event Sponsor
(Sister Ward, Area Manager, Georgia Power)
- **9:15 am**- Georgia Chamber of Commerce
(Chris Clark, President)
- **10:15 am**- Kia Georgia
(Stuart Countess, President and CEO)
- **11:15 am**- Representative for Senator Raphael Warnock
(Perrin Bostic, Northwest Outreach)
- **12:00 pm**- Partners Pizza lunch & Municipal Report-Outs

*A quorum of the Peachtree City Mayor and Council may be in attendance.

Peachtree City, City Hall 151 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269



Chris Clark

**President & CEO,
Georgia Chamber**



A Georgia native, Chris Clark, has served as the President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce since 2010. Chris previously served as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Executive Director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, and as Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Economic Development among other positions. He is a graduate of Georgia Southern University and Georgia College and State University.

For over a century, the Georgia Chamber has focused on advocacy for free enterprise, policy development, business, and economic development, events, and engagement opportunities and provides numerous Chamber Services for small businesses like its 401k Plan and SMART health insurance plans. Today the Georgia Chamber represents over 50,000 members in 159 counties and works with 161 local and binational chambers every day. The Chamber operates offices in Atlanta, Tifton, and Brunswick.

Chris serves on a variety of boards and as a Trustee of Georgia College and State University. He is the author of *The CEO Imperative*, published in 2023, a book that encourages executives to bring their faith and values into their communities and businesses.

Chris and his wife, Tiffany, and their son, Christian, live in Peachtree City and attend Dogwood Church.



Stuart Countess

**President & CEO,
Kia Georgia**



Stuart Countess is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Kia Georgia's manufacturing facility in West Point, Ga. Countess is responsible for all operational facets of the four-model assembly plant that employs more than 3,200 team members and produces a capacity of 350,000 vehicles annually. A graduate of the University of Alabama in Electrical Engineering, Countess began his 30-year manufacturing career with Hughes Aircraft Corporation before moving into automotive at the Mercedes Benz assembly plant in Vance, Ala.

In 2008, Countess was hired as the Sr. Manager for Kia Georgia's General Assembly shop, where he was a key figure in developing and implementing The Kia Way and the Georgia Production System as core practices of the facility's operational system. Since his hiring, Countess has held positions as the company's Director of Quality, Vice President of Quality, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief Operating Officer before assuming his current role.

Countess is highly active in community, civic, and educational organizations promoting individual development and providing leadership through service on multiple boards and committees in various capacities. Among them are the Georgia Chamber, LaGrange College, LaGrange Academy, Georgia State Workforce Development Board, The Ray, Georgia Association of Manufacturers, The Carter Center, and was the chair of a key committee in Georgia's Electric Mobility and Innovation Alliance (EMIA).

Countess has been included in GEORGIA 500 – The State's Most Influential Leaders and received the Georgia Titan 100 Award in 2023.

Countess is an avid golfer and loyal supporter of the Alabama Crimson Tide. He and his wife, Dana, reside in LaGrange, GA. They have four children and five grandchildren.



Perrin Bostic

Outreach Rep.

Office of U.S. Senator

Rev. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)



Perrin Bostic serves as the Northwest Georgia Outreach Representative for U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock. Previously, Perrin served as Policy Liaison and Director of Constituent Services for Atlanta City Council, District 3.

Perrin is a community advocate and public affairs professional. He serves on the Atlanta Advisory Board of Aid Atlanta, an organization focused on meeting the healthcare needs of some of Atlanta's most vulnerable communities. He is the son of two educators and a native of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Perrin is a proud alumnus of Jackson State University, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Healthcare Administration. He relocated to Georgia in 2014 in pursuit of higher education. As a result, Perrin obtained a Master's in Public Administration from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.

He is a fall 2023 initiate of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Rho Pi Lambda Chapter. He recognizes the importance of cultivating relationships as the key to his success.