

## Reframing History in the South

### **Mike Neal** **President & CEO** **Tulsa Regional Chamber**



Michael S. Neal, CCE, CCD, HLM, IOM, is in his 15th year as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tulsa Regional Chamber, which serves 20 counties in northeast Oklahoma. The Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives named the then Tulsa Metro Chamber as the Nation's Best Chamber for a record three consecutive years of eligibility, being named the National Chamber of the Year in 2010, 2008 and 2005. In 2018, the Chamber was again a finalist for the award, and in 2020 was named the nation's best chamber for a record fourth time.

Prior to coming to Tulsa, Neal spent four years as president and CEO of the Nashville, TN, Area Chamber of Commerce, and 12 years as president and CEO of his hometown, Monroe, LA, Chamber of Commerce. Previously he served as District Office Manager for U.S. Congressman Jerry Huckaby and as Trust Officer for Central Bank (now Chase) in Monroe, LA. Neal is heavily involved with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He serves on its Foundation Board of Directors, its Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, and its Transportation Infrastructure & Logistics Committee. Neal is also the current chairman of their Accrediting Board of Directors.

Neal currently serves on the boards of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the Western Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (WACE), and the State Chamber of Oklahoma. Neal is a 1980 accounting graduate from the University of Louisiana Monroe, where he played baseball.