

**South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities
Nominees for Board Leadership
September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019**



**Nominee for Chair
Russell D. Cook
Managing Director
Comporium Ventures
Chapin**

Russell serves as Managing Director of Comporium Ventures. Comporium, headquartered in Rock Hill, SC, is a diversified communications and technology company. Russell's responsibilities include managing the existing portfolio of investments and identifying and recommending additional strategic investments or acquisitions. For the past two years, Russell has served as Chair-Elect and as a member of the Finance Committee and the Retirement Plans Advisory Committee. He was a Trustee from 2006 to 2012 before rejoining the board in 2013. In addition to his involvement with SCICU, Russell also serves as Director for Boys Farm, a Director for Palmetto Partners, a member of the Michelin Development Steering Committee, and is a mentor for The Iron Yard Accelerator. He is a member of the South Carolina Economic Developers' Association and is a Certified South Carolina Economic Developer.



**Immediate Past Chair
CEO
Total Comfort Solutions
Columbia**

Jim is the CEO and a partner in Total Comfort Solutions, a leading provider of mechanical services and environmental solutions. He was elected to the SCICU Board in 2012 and serves on the Public Policy Committee. A Columbia resident, Jim is a graduate of Davidson College and earned an MBA from the University of Virginia. Jim is a past chair of both the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce. He is a co-founder and former co-chair of TransformSC, a unique education collaboration of business leaders, educators, students, parents and policymakers who are transforming the public education system so that every student graduates prepared for careers, college, and citizenship.

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**Nominee for Chair-Elect
Jerry A. Cheatham
Director, Financial Analysis
Sonoco Products Company
Hartsville**

Jerry joined the SCICU Board of Trustees in 2011, and currently serves as the Chair of the Finance Committee. He is the former chair and continues to sit on the Retirement Plans Advisory Committee. Jerry currently is the director of financial analysis for Sonoco Products Company. He has worked with the Hartsville-headquartered company for over 20 years. A Certified Public Accountant, Jerry received his BS degree from South Carolina State University and an MBA from Vanderbilt University. He is currently the president of the Darlington County Education Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors of the Sonoco Products Company Credit Union.