

METRO ATLANTA CHAMBER



Katie Kirkpatrick

President & CEO, Metro Atlanta Chamber



Katie Kirkpatrick is president and CEO of the 166-year-old Metro Atlanta Chamber. Known for her skillful communication and public policy prowess, as president and CEO she led the adoption of a new strategic framework for the Chamber centered on economy, talent, and community. More recently, she led the organization's efforts to reimagine Downtown Atlanta, driving a strategy to transform the neighborhood into one featuring world-class entertainment, a vibrant living center, and a bustling business community.

Previously MAC's chief policy officer, Kirkpatrick served as the link between metro Atlanta's business community and local, state, and federal governments. Before joining MAC, Kirkpatrick served as director of environmental engineering for Gold Kist, Inc. Kirkpatrick is a registered professional engineer in several states and a proud graduate of Auburn University.

Topics Katie can address

- FIFA World Cup 2026 and Atlanta's growing status as the epicenter of soccer in the U.S.
- The emerging renaissance of Downtown Atlanta, including:
 - A tech entrepreneur rehabbing 57 historic buildings, opening local restaurants, record stores, and business incubators in the shadow of Mercedes-Benz Stadium
 - A 50-acre mega development on top of "the Gulch," an active rail hub dating back to the 1830s
 - Georgia State University's ambitious \$107 million campaign to reinvigorate a true college town downtown
- Georgia is a surprising national leader in clean energy innovation, with metro Atlanta at its epicenter.
 - #1 for EV industry investment, #2 for solar manufacturing
 - Home to Georgia Tech, the nation's #1 public university for energy research

About the Metro Atlanta Chamber

The Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC) serves as a catalyst for a more prosperous and vibrant region. We work to advance economic growth and improve metro Atlanta's quality of life across the 29-county metro Atlanta region. Our charge is to expand the region's thriving economy, advocate for a competitive business climate, and elevate metro Atlanta's story on a global scale to ensure that this region continues to rise as one.

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