

Congratulations Amy Tate New Board Member



Tate Appointed To TPSD Board, Replacing Prather

TUPELO, Miss. — On the recommendation of Mayor Todd Jordan, the city council approved the appointment of Amy Tate on Tuesday night as the newest member of the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees.

She will be officially sworn in at the Nov. 8 board meeting held at the Church Street Elementary auditorium.

“We moved here to be part of Tupelo’s schools, but excellence is not necessarily a permanent thing,” the native of Natchez said. “We have to work every day to keep delivering a top-quality opportunity for every single student. Every student who walks through our doors brings a unique set of opportunities and challenges with them. Helping each one thrive while they’re with us and preparing them to achieve after they graduate, is what sets our district apart. Our students’ future is our community’s future. I’m honored and excited to serve all of Tupelo’s children and our community as a member of the school board.”

Tate, a member of the Tupelo community since 2005, currently serves as the Government Relations Manager for the Tennessee Valley Authority, with a priority on maintaining and building bipartisan working relationships with congressional staff, state legislators, county supervisors and mayors.

She also served on TVA’s media relations staff and worked in the organization’s Washington, D.C., office. Prior to her arrival with TVA, she served under then Tupelo Mayor Glenn McCullough, Jr. as the first public relations liaison for the city.

“Amy Tate has been extremely involved in the Tupelo Public School District and the Tupelo community for many years,” Jordan said. “Among her many accomplishments, she co-founded the Milam Elementary Girls Leadership Academy and was named one of Y’all Politics Top 50 Most Influential People in Mississippi. She has a great deal of leadership experience, and I believe that will serve her well on the school board.”

Tate, who replaces Eddie Prather after 12 years, was also named by the Mississippi Business Journal as one of its Top 40 Under 40 in 2006, and she was in the Top 10 of the Top 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi in 2017.

A graduate of the Mississippi University for Women where she earned a degree in Journalism/Public Relations, Tate was named the Outstanding Graduate by her alma mater in 2013. She is also a 2012 graduate of Vanderbilt's Leadership for Accelerated Management Performance through the Owen Graduate School of Management.

"We are very excited to have Mrs. Tate join our Board, and we look forward to working with her as TPSD continues to grow and evolve as one of the best districts in the State," Board of Trustees president Paul Mize, III said. "She has been a long-time leader in the Tupelo community and heavily involved, and I know she will be a fantastic addition to a great team."

She and her husband, Kevin, have two children — Avery, a sophomore at Mississippi State, and Walker, a sophomore at Tupelo High School.

"We are very excited to welcome Mrs. Amy Tate to the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees," TPSD Superintendent Dr. Rob Picou said. "Mrs. Tate has been a strong supporter of TPSD through her work with many initiatives involving the schools, including her work with the Milam Girl's Leadership Initiative. Mrs. Tate has served on many boards, so I am certain her extensive experience will be a great addition the TPSD Board of Trustees. We are appreciative of Mayor Jordan and the Tupelo City Council for giving such consideration to Mrs. Amy Tate. We look forward to unlimited possibilities with Mrs. Tate on the Board of Trustees."

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