



At the most recent Board of Governors meeting at The Capital City Club in Columbia SC, Board Chair, Luther J. Battiste, III, on behalf of the entire Board, presented a proclamation to a fellow Board Member, Steve Benjamin.

Mr. Benjamin won the mayoral election and is the city's first African American Mayor when as he assumed office on July 1, 2010. The proclamation acknowledges Steve's contributions to the club and to the Community and to the leadership he will now bring to all the citizens of Columbia. Mr. Battiste, a founding member of the club and a partner in Johnson, Toal and Battiste PA, served for 15 years on City Council. Mr. Benjamin, an attorney for a Columbia law firm, had previously served the state as Director of Probation Parole and Pardon Services and has run for Attorney General. Presenting is Board Chair, Luther J. Battiste, III (left) and Mayor Elect, Steven Benjamin.