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Sampson appointed to Goose Creek District 1 seat

The Goose Creek Board of Trustees appointed Howard Sampson Friday, Aug. 7 to fill the board seat left vacant by the June resignation of Phelitria Barnes

Barnes had represented District 1, which roughly runs north from Lee High School past Harlem Elementary, since 1999. Sampson will serve out Barnes' term through May.

Sampson has been a resident of the district for the many years and even grew up in the district, attending Harlem Elementary, and Highlands Junior School. He is a 1974 graduate of Sterling High School.

Sampson said he's thought about serving on the Board for sometime, and that Barnes' resignation gave him an opening. "I felt like the time was right," Sampson said

"I am proud of where I went to school, and where I grew up," Sampson said. "That's why I was eager to take on this position." The Board received three applications for the open position, and all three were interviewed.

The appointment of Sampson adds another Goose Creek product to the Board. Sampson joins fellow Sterling graduate Jenice Coffey and four Robert E. Lee High School graduates – Agustin Loredo III, Wilyne Laughlin, Ken Martin, and Bob Hoskins. The other Board member is Carl Burg.

Sampson will take the oath of office at the next regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 31.

Trustees representing GCCISD single-member districts serve in staggered three-year terms.

After graduating from Sterling, Sampson attended the University of Arkansas. Sampson made his professional debut in the NFL in 1978 with the Green Bay Packers. He played defensive back for the Green Bay Packers for his entire two-year career.

Sampson is currently an Assistant Superintendent in the Harris County Precinct 2 Road & Bridge Inspection Department, where he has worked since 1997

He has also worked as a head volleyball coach, football coach, and Career Development Coordinator at Arizona Western College in

From 1980 to 1990, Sampson worked for Harris County Precinct 2 as a community aide, a community director, an assistant to the Precinct 2 parks director, and served as the liaison to the flood control department. In those roles, Sampson planned recreation activities and developed senior citizen and outreach programs to the community, chiefly at Riley Chambers and J.D. Walker community centers.

Sampson earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Arkansas in 1978 and earned a master's degree in city planning from Texas Southern University in 1987. He also attended and earned a certification from the University of Houston's Mediation school.

Regular meetings of the Goose Creek Board of Trustees are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building

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