

Robert L. Franklin
Member, SPLOST 2016 Citizen's Oversight Committee



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Professional Experience: Bob Franklin is a career investment banker who has served on numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards of directors. For over fifty years, he has matched investors with opportunities in start-up companies, oil and gas exploration and real estate.

Bob and others founded the Ariel Southeast Angel Partners LLC, whose members are from eight Georgia and South Carolina Low Country communities, including St. Simon's Island, Savannah and Hilton Head Island. Bob recently completed six years as a liquidating trustee in a Federal bankruptcy matter, where he was able to return 84% of all beneficiary claims.

Civic and Community Service: Bob was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney as a member and chairman of the Massachusetts Public Education Nominating Council (2003 to 2005). By statute, the Council is the sole source of nominations for trustee appointments by the Governor to the 27 Massachusetts public higher education boards. Bob was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld as trustee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, a four-year state college (1994 to 1999). In 2004, he joined the Advisory Board of the Institute for Effective Governance, a Washington, DC service organization for responsible trustees.

Education and Military Service: Bob received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University in 1959, and served as a Regular Army officer until 1962. From 1998 to 2001, he was a member of the Advisory Board of Directors of the Association of the United States Army.

Personal: Bob and Christine Franklin have been married for 45 years. They have a son, a daughter and five grandchildren. Bob is an instrument-rated private pilot.

SPLOST Committee Term: 2017 to 2021