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## Manatee EDC names Eric Basinger executive director

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Eric Basinger was named executive director of the Economic Development Council, effective June 1. Basinger will succeed Nancy Engel, who has held the position for 25 years.

Engel will remain involved in the EDC as a team member focusing on business retention and work force service.

Prior to his appointment, Basinger was executive director of the **Elmore County Economic Development Authority** in Wetumpka, Ala. In that position since 2003, he worked to bring 1,292 jobs and more than \$97 million of new capital investments to the community, a release said.

Basinger has 11 years of experience in economic development and received the designation of certified economic developer from the International Economic Development Council. He holds a master's degree in public administration specializing in planning and economic development from **Auburn University** and a bachelor of science degree from the University of West Alabama, the release said.

The Economic Development Council is a division of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. It develops and implements programs to attract new businesses and assist in the retention and growth of existing businesses in Manatee County.