

Eric Abercrombie, Governing Board Member

Fundraising and Governance Committees

As the son of a German immigrant, Eric was exposed to the European culture at an early age. At six, he flew alone to Germany for summer break to visit his grandparents – who spoke no English. Upon returning to the United States to start the first grade, the language immersion experience left him fluent in German. This experience, coupled with continued trips to Europe to visit family, instilled in him a passion for different cultures and languages.

Eric attended Baylor University, in Waco, Texas, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in German, and a Masters of International Journalism. As the capstone for his master's he completed an internship with ZDF (Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen), a national public television broadcast network in Mainz, Germany. Professionally, Eric works for Georgia-Pacific, one of the world's leading makers of tissue, pulp, paper, packaging, building products and related chemicals, at their corporate headquarters in downtown Atlanta. In his role with Georgia-Pacific, he provides strategic public affairs and communications support to advance the company culture and serves as a company spokesperson and representative to external audiences. Prior to joining Georgia-Pacific in 2011, Eric worked at Baylor University as a major gift fundraiser for the College of Arts and Sciences, Honors College and School of Music. He also worked as an adjunct professor for Baylor's Department of Journalism, and as a communications and public relations professional for a multi-brand franchising company, aviation defense contractor and nonprofit organizations.

Eric and his wife, Ali, have three children: Kyndel (14), Rowyn (6) and Weber (4). His daughter Rowyn is a first grader at ICSAtlanta in the German track.