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Clover Announces New Board Officers and Members

Clover, formerly known as Kingsley House, is excited to introduce its newly appointed board officers and members who will steer the agency's direction over the next 12 months.

New Board Officers:

The following officers will be serving their first one-year term:

- **President:** Kea Sherman
- **President Elect:** Dominique Wilson
- **Treasurer:** Ralph Mahana
- **Vice President:** Shannon Joseph
- **Secretary:** Damon Carraby
- **Immediate Past President:** Chimène Grant Saloy

Introducing Board President Kea Sherman:

Kea Sherman, the newly elected Clover Board President, serves as Policy Counsel at Van Ness Feldman LLP, where she specializes in energy infrastructure, coastal resiliency, and clean energy transition issues. Sherman is the founder of Sherman Law Firm and ran for the Louisiana Legislature in 2019. She also founded Emerge Louisiana and Les Femmes PAC, two influential statewide political action organizations. Sherman also launched Sherman Strategic Affairs, a bipartisan government relations and public affairs firm, representing clients across business, government, economic development, and regulatory sectors at federal, state, and local levels. Her work has been featured in Vanity Fair, Inside New Orleans, and on ABC's 20/20.

Sherman is deeply committed to the local community, serving on several nonprofit and government-appointed boards and commissions, including Clover's Board, the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission, and the Industrial Development Board (IDB).

New Board Members:

Clover is also excited to welcome the following individuals to their initial first term as board members:

- **Anthony L. Bridges:** Vice President, Community Development Lender with NOLA lending Group, a division of Fidelity Bank. With over 20 years in the banking industry, Bridges brings extensive experience in relationship building, business development, and financial planning. He is an alum of the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute and serves on the boards of the Greater New Orleans East Business Alliance and the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of 100 Black Men of Metro New Orleans. Bridges earned his BS in Accounting from SUNO.

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- **Carling Dinkler, IV:** Senior Manager of Federal & State Government Affairs for Carvana. Dinkler has 20 years of experience in public affairs, government relations, public policy, and communications. He has served on numerous local boards, including Magnolia Community Services, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, and the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission. Dinkler holds a BA in English from Washington & Lee University and an MBA from LSU.
- **Dr. Arnold James, MPH, Ph.D.:** A Louisiana-licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. James was an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in the Psychology Sector at the Tulane School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for over 20 years. Currently, he is a psychologist at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System and maintains a private practice. Dr. James is a Head Start alum and has treated many program participants in Clover Cares Adult Day Care. He earned his BS in Psychology, Master of Public Health, and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

About Clover

Founded in 1896 with a mission to educate children, strengthen families and build community, Clover (formerly Kingsley House) envisions a city and region where all young children are ready to succeed, and all citizens are healthy and economically stable. Recognizing that under-served families are at risk of being caught in an intractable cycle of poverty, the organization is committed to ensuring that individuals and families have the supports necessary to be successful at all stages of life. For more about Clover's mission and how to get involved, visit clovernola.org.

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