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New President at VEDC

Jonas Titas, Executive Director of Copperas Cove will step into the role of President of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation. Titas will begin working at VEDC on August 16.

Mr. Titas has a wealth of experience working throughout the State of Texas leading successful economic development organizations. Prior to joining VEDC, Titas led the reorganized Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation where he worked closely with the Department of Defense and municipal leaders on transformative and generational projects for the Central Texas Region that have spurred significant population growth. From 2015 to 2018, Titas was the Director for Manufacturing and Logistics for the Greater Houston Partnership. He was tasked with bringing together numerous local and regional partners to facilitate large, complex projects. Prior to that, Titas was Executive Director for the Kerr Economic Development Corporation. In 2015, Kerrville won the 2015 Texas Economic Development Council's Community Economic Development Award, based on work to establish large production facilities in Kerr County. He also spent 6 years with the Tyler Economic Development Council.

Titas has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Government/International Studies & History from the University of South Carolina, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Tyler, is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at Oklahoma University and is a Certified Economic Developer by the International Economic Development Council.

The Next Move Group conducted a nationwide executive search on behalf of VEDC. Nancy Garner, Chairman of the VEDC Board of Directors, said Titas' depth of experience in successfully leading economic development organizations including primary job recruitment and retention efforts, and his background as a Certified Economic Development professional set him apart from other candidates. She noted as President, Titas will be representing our community everywhere he goes on our behalf and VEDC has confidence he will represent us well.