EPEL
Enriching Partnerships for Early Learning



Meet Byron Furdge

Meaningful board engagement goes well beyond attending meetings—it means being an active, accountable partner in advancing the organization's mission through both leadership and action. It involves staying informed, contributing thoughtfully to discussions, and taking ownership of initiatives that drive measurable impact for the community.

Byron Furdge is a financial advisor and small business owner with experience in financial planning, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. He currently serves as a **Financial/Investment Services Advisor with Edward Jones**, where he leads a full-service advisory practice focused on retirement planning, wealth preservation, and long-term financial growth, along with community-based financial education and outreach.

Byron grew up in Chicago and now raises his family in Elgin while working in South Elgin, giving him a strong connection to communities that are part of the Greater Elgin area. He holds an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the National Black MBA Association.

He will help bring forward a strategic, growth-oriented perspective to the EPEL Board, with a focus on **financial stewardship, partnership development, and long-term sustainability.** Through his work with individuals, families, and community organizations, Byron understands the barriers many families face in achieving financial stability and opportunity.

Byron is excited to support EPEL's mission of ensuring equitable opportunities for children and families in the Greater Elgin Area and contributing his expertise in strategic planning, outreach, and resource development.

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