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Southwestern Medical Foundation announces new board chairman



UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas
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Dallas-based [Southwestern Medical Foundation](#) announced that [James Huffines](#) will serve as the new chairman of its board of trustees on Friday.

Huffines is succeeding [Robert Rowling](#), who has served as chairman since 2014. Huffines has been a member of the board since 2011 and will work with the foundation's president and CEO, [Kathleen Gibson](#).

“I look forward to collaborating with our trustees to honor the mission established for this region, by assuring the Foundation is positioned to provide sustainable and significant capital for medical progress in our community and the world beyond,” Huffines said. “I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to Bob Rowling for the leadership he has provided over the last five years.”

The nonprofit also announced four new trustee members: [Timothy Costello](#), [Sarah Miller](#), [Matthew Ramsey](#) and [Sam Susser](#).

Huffines has been an active member of the foundation's executive committee and nominating committee, and has helped young leaders in the Cary Council drive awareness for the mission of the foundation and the UT Southwestern Medical [Center](#). He has also served as the chairman of the UT System Board of Regents for more than four years. Additionally, he helped establish the [Dell Medical School](#).

Huffines has more than 35 years of experience in banking and finance and most recently served as COO of subsidiaries of Hilltop Holdings. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Texas at Austin and attended the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at [Southern Methodist University](#).