

CHRIS STRAYER

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chris Strayer was named Executive Vice President of Economic Development for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce on January 1, 2020. He currently oversees all aspects of economic development at the chamber, including Talent, Advocacy, and Small Business & Entrepreneurship.

Strayer joined the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce staff in 2018 as Senior Vice President of Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion, leading one of focuses of the Chamber's four-year strategic plan, *Fortify*.

Strayer came to Fort Worth, Texas, from Columbus, Ohio, where he was the senior project manager for Business Development and Project Management at Columbus 2020, the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus region.

There, he oversaw more than 180 successful projects with more than \$1.5 billion in investments and 35,000 retained and created jobs. Clients have included Verizon, Kroger, Abbott Laboratories and Avnet, as well as several other Fortune 500 companies.

With a background in land use planning, civil & environmental engineering, construction, land development and government at the local and state level, Strayer understands the process that companies must embark upon for the expansion of their organizational footprint.

Strayer holds a B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from Michigan State University and an Economic Development Finance Professional credential from the National Development Council.