

Biography – Ben Frederick

Ben Frederick serves as Associate Vice President for Advocacy, Government Relations and Business Development at Memorial Healthcare, an independent community hospital headquartered in Owosso. In this role, Ben seeks to advance public policy at the local, state and federal level that supports rural healthcare access across mid-Michigan. He also oversees efforts to expand healthcare services in presently served and new communities while seeking out partnerships in service delivery.

Prior to his joining Memorial in 2023, Frederick worked for over fourteen years in both the Michigan House and Senate as a legislative staff member. He was also elected to the Owosso City Council, serving three terms as the community's youngest mayor. He was then elected as state representative and served for three terms. In his final term, he was selected by his peers to serve as Majority Floor Leader and was responsible for the scheduling and refinement of legislation, coordination with committee chairpersons and establishing the rules of decorum for the chamber.

Frederick previously chaired the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee and served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee on Higher Education and Community Colleges, during which time he championed programs and funding for adult learners and nontraditional students to better access postsecondary education opportunities including degrees, workforce certifications and apprenticeships.

In the public policy realm, Frederick concentrated on workforce development and educational attainment initiatives and was the House author of the Michigan Reconnect Program.

Frederick has received numerous awards and recognition for work across a wide range of public policy initiatives, most recently having received a Healthcare Leadership Award from the Michigan Hospital Association for his efforts supporting healthcare access in rural communities. He also is a regular guest speaker and presenter on leadership, effectiveness in the governmental sphere, messaging, and civil discourse.

Frederick is a first-generation college graduate and holds a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies from Liberty University and an M.S. in management and leadership from Western Governors University. He lives in Owosso with his wife Lydia and their two children.