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With over two decades of experience in budgets, governmental affairs, strategic planning, loan administration, marketing and general management, Timothy (Tim) A. Connell has grown and transformed agencies by leveraging consumer insight and strong leadership.

Connell was appointed president of Georgia Student Finance Commission in July 2005 by Governor Sonny Perdue, where the mission is to promote and increase access to education beyond high school for Georgians. Connell most recently was director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), and prior to that served 17 years at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in a variety of leadership roles. He began his career as an economic development planner and budget analyst with OPB, and also worked for Southern Company Services in the government affairs area.

Connell currently serves as chairman of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, Inc. (NCHELP) Audit Committee. He also is a member of the NCHELP Board of Directors, Georgia Workforce Investment Board and the Georgia Higher Education Savings Program.

As an undergraduate, Connell studied at Emory University and Georgia State University (GSU). He received a bachelor's degree in history and political science and a master's in public administration from Georgia State University.