

Michele Skelding Joins SkylesBayne as President and CEO

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Michele Skelding, president and CEO of SkylesBayne, courtesy photo.

Michele Skelding is joining Austin-based real estate firm [SkylesBayne](#) as president and chief executive officer.

Skelding, who resigned in December from her role as senior vice president of global technology and innovation at the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, will lead SkylesBayne, a commercial real estate firm specializing in office, industrial and medical tenant representation.

“Michele has earned status as a highly respected economic growth leader in our great city, with exemplary aptitude, character, and ability,” Chris Skyles, principal partner of SkylesBayne, said in a news release. “We are excited to incorporate her talents and leadership into our company.”

In her new role, Skelding will execute SkylesBayne’s vision and she will lead a new platform “focused on delivering economic, technological and innovation insights to clients and for the Central Texas region.”

“SkylesBayne is at a defining moment given our growth and increasing role within the technology, innovation and capital landscape,” Skyles said. “In our 11 year history we have achieved consistent year-over-year revenue growth; and now, in the first two months of 2017, we have already achieved revenue matching our 2016 fiscal year end gross revenue.”

Skelding’s “extensive experience and network across the technology and innovation industry will further our goals to maximize and enhance value for our clients,” Justin Bayne, principal partner said in a news release.

“We are at a pivotal point in our region’s growth; SkylesBayne is well poised to take a major thought leadership and strategic role in Austin’s growing and diverse economic landscape,” Skelding said in a statement. “I am excited to lead the next level of growth with such an innovative, creative and sophisticated firm.”

In addition to the Austin Chamber, Skelding has spent 20 years working for Fortune 500 and startup companies in the technology industry including Appconomy, Lifeproof, Augmentix, Dell and AT&T.

Skelding is also heavily involved in Austin's tech community. She serves as entrepreneurial advisor at University of Texas' Cockrell School of Engineering's Innovation Center and she has served in leadership positions with the Central Texas Angel Network and as a mentor with Tech Ranch, SKU, ATX Seed Ventures and Capital Factory.

Skelding has also served on Austin Technology Council's board, Texas State STAR Park's Innovation Advisory Committee, and as a key advisor of the Mayor's Innovation Zone, to explore and leverage the new Dell Medical School and Dell Seton Medical Center investment into a large economic development project for Austin.

SkylesBayne, founded in 2006, has successfully brokered more than \$1 billion in third party transactions. Its transaction volume exceeded one million square feet in the Austin market last year.