



**Michael J. Plank** is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Plank Companies, Inc., a diversified holding company with numerous operating entities and investments. Mr. Plank serves as Chairman/CEO of three operating companies; *National Property Holdings*, *Rail Logix* and *Speed Shore Corporation*, entities engaged in Industrial Real Estate Development, Rail Services and Construction Equipment Manufacturing, respectively.

In 2015, Mr. Plank was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to serve as a Board Member on the Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI). He was appointed by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick to serve as Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Board's Port Subcommittee in 2016, and to the Port Authority Advisory Committee in 2017. In 2018, Mr. Plank was appointed by Governor Abbott to serve on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Mr. Plank is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization and is past Chairman of the Houston Chapter. He is also a past President of Trench Shoring & Shielding Association of America, the Houston Equipment Distributors, and the Children's Museum of Houston. Mr. Plank also serves on the President's Leadership Council for Houston's Methodist Hospital, and on the Board of the YMCA of Greater Houston.

Mr. Plank graduated with Honors from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and was inducted into the department's *Academy of Distinguished Graduates* in 2000. He served in 2017 as Chairman of the A&M PAC and is a long-serving Board Member of the Engineering Advisory Council. Mr. Plank also serves as a Board Member on the Commandant's Advisory Council for Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets.