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GOLDEN ENTERPRISES, INC.  
One Golden Flake Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

To our shareholders:

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Golden Enterprises, Inc., (the "Company") a Delaware Corporation, to be held at the general offices of the Company, at One Golden Flake Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35205 on September 17, 2015, at 11:00 A.M., Birmingham time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on July 24, 2015, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. All Stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Mark W. McCutcheon  
Chairman

Birmingham, Alabama  
August 21, 2015

HOLDERS OF A MAJORITY OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES MUST BE PRESENT EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PROXY IN ORDER TO HOLD THE MEETING. TO INSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY AND RETURN IT IN THE ACCOMPANYING ENVELOPE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU MAY REVOKE THE PROXY AND VOTE YOUR SHARES PERSONALLY AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE PROXY IS EXERCISED.

## PROXY STATEMENT

### GENERAL

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Golden Enterprises, Inc. (the “Company”) will be held at the general offices of the Company, at One Golden Flake Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35205 on September 17, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. All holders of record of common stock as of July 24, 2015, will be entitled to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

The purpose of this proxy solicitation is to enable those stockholders who will be unable to personally attend the meeting to vote their stock.

Important Notice Regarding Availability of Proxy Materials for Shareholder Meeting to be Held on September 17, 2015: This Proxy Statement, Proxy Card, the Annual Report to Stockholders and Form 10-K are available on line at [www.edocumentview.com/GLDC](http://www.edocumentview.com/GLDC).

### PERSONS MAKING THE SOLICITATION

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Golden Enterprises, Inc. The cost of solicitation will be paid by the Company and will include reimbursement paid to brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material regarding the meeting to beneficial owners in accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). In addition to solicitation by mail, officers and regular employees of the Company may solicit proxies by telephone, email, or personal interview at no additional compensation.

### SECURITY HOLDERS ENTITLED TO VOTE

Shareholders of record of common stock of the Company at the close of business on July 24, 2015, will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any and all adjournments thereof. If on July 24, 2015 your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare, then you are a shareholder of record. Each share of common stock entitles its owner to one vote. The number of shares of common stock of the Company (exclusive of treasury shares) outstanding at the close of business on July 24, 2015 was 11,291,757 shares.

If your shares are held in street name (which means they are held of record by a broker), you must instruct your broker how to vote the shares, or your shares will not be voted on any proposal for which the broker does not have discretionary authority to vote. Pursuant to rules governing the voting of stock by brokers, they do not have discretionary authority to vote for the election of Directors without instructions from the beneficial owner. Accordingly, if your shares are held in street name, it is particularly important that you instruct your broker how you wish to vote your shares on all proposals presented at the Annual Meeting. Additionally, if your shares are held in street name, since you are not the stockholder of record of such shares, you may not vote your shares in person at the annual meeting unless you request and obtain a valid voting proxy from your broker or other agent.

Stockholders who execute proxies retain the right to revoke them at any time before they are voted. If the enclosed proxy is properly signed and returned to the Company and not so revoked, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with its terms. If a shareholder returns a signed proxy card but does not mark the boxes, the shares represented by that proxy card will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors. If a shareholder does not return a signed proxy card or does not attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, his or her shares will not be voted. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” are not counted in determining outcomes of matters being acted upon. They are counted only for determining a meeting quorum. If a shareholder attends the Annual Meeting, he or she may only vote by ballot if he or she is the stockholder of record except as previously explained with regard to shares held in street name.

In accordance with Delaware law, a list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at the Annual Meeting at the principal executive offices of Golden Enterprises, Inc., One Golden Flake Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, 35205, on September 17, 2015, and for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central Time.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

On July 24, 2015, SYB, Inc. and the Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. Marital Testamentary Trust (“Marital Testamentary Trust”) were the only persons known by the Company who beneficially owned more than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of the Company. The following table sets forth the number of shares of common stock of the Company beneficially owned by these persons.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)		Percent of Class
	Direct	Indirect	
SYB, Inc. 3432 Briarcliff Road East Birmingham, Alabama 35223	5,283,128	-0-	46.8%
Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. Marital Testamentary Trust 2117 Second Avenue N. Birmingham, Alabama 35203 (2)	600,279	-0-	5.3%

(1) An indirect beneficial owner as this term is interpreted by the SEC includes, among other things, any person who has or shares the (1) voting power, which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, and/or (2) investment power which includes the power to dispose, or to direct the disposition of such security.

(2) On August 9, 2010, pursuant to the terms of the Last Will and Testament of Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr., the Estate of Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. distributed 414,221 shares of Company stock to Joann F. Bashinsky and 600,279 shares of Company stock to the Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. Marital Testamentary Trust. The Marital Testamentary Trust owns 5.3% of the Company stock.

## Security Ownership of Management

The following table shows the shares of common stock of Golden Enterprises, Inc., beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by each Director and Nominee for Director and all Directors and Officers of the Company as a group at July 24, 2015:

Name	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)		Percent of Class
	Direct	Indirect	
J. Wallace Nall, Jr.	-0-	196,000(2) (4)	1.7%
F. Wayne Pate	148,264	24,209(2)(5)(6)	1.5%
Edward R. Pascoe	25,000	-0-	*
John P. McKleroy, Jr. (a) (b) (c)	40,000(3)	-0-(2)	*
John S. P. Samford	1,666	-0-	*
Joann F. Bashinsky (d) (e)	426,928	10,264(2)(6)	3.9%
Mark W. McCutcheon	4,455	4,028(2)(6)	*
William B. Morton, Jr.	-0-	-0-	*
John S. Stein, III	10,333	-0-	*
Paul Bates	5,497	4,707(2)(6)	*
David Jones	1,987	2,300(2)(6)	*
Patty Townsend	-0-	936(2)(6)	*
All Directors and Officers as a group	664,130	242,444	8.0%

\*Less than one percent of class

(1) An indirect beneficial owner as this term is interpreted by the SEC includes, among other things, any person who has or shares the (i) voting power which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, and/or (ii) investment power which includes the power to dispose of, or to direct the disposition of, such security.

(2) Each designated director is a member of the Voting Committee created under the (i) Marital Testamentary Trust and (ii) SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust of Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr.. As a member of the Voting Committee, each designated director participates in the vote of the shares of common stock of the Company owned by SYB, Inc. (5,283,128 shares) and by the Marital Testamentary Trust (600,279 shares). Patty Townsend, an officer of the Company, is also a member of the Voting Committee. The decision of the majority of the members of the Voting Committee governs how the stock is voted. The members of the Voting Committee do not possess and specifically disclaim any beneficial ownership of the shares owned by SYB, Inc. and the Marital Testamentary Trust.

(3) Includes 33,490 shares held by a 401(k) profit sharing plan and a IRA account for the benefit of John P. McKleroy, Jr.

(4) Shares owned by Nall Development Corporation, a corporation of which J. Wallace Nall, Jr. is a Director and President. For SEC reporting purposes, Mr. Nall is deemed the beneficial owner of such shares. Except for SEC reporting purposes, Mr. Nall disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

(5) Indirect shares include 32 shares owned by the wife of F. Wayne Pate. Except for SEC reporting purposes, Mr. Pate disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

(6) Indirect shares owned by the Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"). All shares are voted by the Plan participants in whose accounts such shares are held.

(a) Mr. McKleroy is a Director, Vice President and Secretary of SYB, Inc. which owns 5,283,128 shares of the Company's stock. Mr. McKleroy does not possess and specifically disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.

(b) Mr. McKleroy is a Director and officer of the Bashinsky Foundation, Inc., which owns 400,544 shares of the Company's stock. Mr. McKleroy does not possess and specifically disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.

- (c) Mr. McKleroy is a Co-Trustee of the Marital Testamentary Trust. The Marital Testamentary Trust own 600,279 shares of the Company stock. Mr. McKleroy does not possess and specifically disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (d) Mrs. Bashinsky is a Director, Chairman and CEO of SYB, Inc., which owns 5,283,128 shares of the Company's stock. Mrs. Bashinsky does not possess and specifically disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (e) Mrs. Bashinsky is a Director, Chairman and CEO of the Bashinsky Foundation, Inc., which owns 400,544 shares of the Company's stock. Mrs. Bashinsky does not possess and specifically disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.

Each Director has the sole voting and investment power of the shares directly owned by him/her.

#### Voting Control

Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. ("Mr. Bashinsky") died on August 2, 2005. At the time of Mr. Bashinsky's death, he beneficially owned 6,698,172 shares of common stock of the Company which constituted voting control of the Company and which classified the Company as a "Controlled Company". The stock beneficially owned by Mr. Bashinsky was registered in and held by the following entities:

SYB, Inc.	5,283,128 shares
SYB, Inc. as Trustee of the Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. Trust dated February 16, 1982	1,000,000 shares
Bashinsky Foundation, Inc.	400,544 shares
Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr.	14,500 shares

As a result of Mr. Bashinsky's death, and the probate of his will on August 12, 2005, the 1,000,000 shares held in SYB, Inc. as Trustee and the 14,500 shares held in his name passed to his Estate. On August 9, 2010, the Personal Representatives of Mr. Bashinsky's Estate distributed 414,221 shares of Company stock to Joann F. Bashinsky and 600,279 shares of Company stock to the Marital Testamentary Trust. SYB, Inc. and Bashinsky Foundation, Inc. have continued to own 5,283,128 shares and 400,544 shares, respectively.

Joann F. Bashinsky and John P. McKleroy, Jr., Directors of the Company, each serve as a Director and officer of Bashinsky Foundation, Inc. The stock of the Company owned by Bashinsky Foundation, Inc. is voted by its board of directors and is not subject to the Voting Committee, as described below.

Joann F. Bashinsky and John P. McKleroy, Jr., Directors of the Company, each serve as a director and officer of SYB, Inc. The voting stock of SYB, Inc. is vested in the SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust and John P. McKleroy, Jr. serves as a Co-Trustee of this Trust. This stock is subject to the Voting Committee, as described below.

John P. McKleroy, Jr. is designated under Mr. Bashinsky's Will as a Co-Trustee of the Marital Testamentary Trust.





Mr. Bashinsky's Will and the SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust provide that shares of the Company held by SYB, Inc. and his Marital Testamentary Trust shall be voted by a committee made up of members of the Board of Directors of the Company and one member designated by Trustees of the Marital Testamentary Trust ("Voting Committee"). Consequently, as of the date of this Proxy Statement, the 5,283,128 shares of the Company stock held by SYB, Inc. and the 600,279 shares of the Company stock held by the Marital Testamentary Trust, the combination of which constitute a majority of the stock of the Company, are voted by the Voting Committee. The Voting Committee presently consists of J. Wallace Nall Jr., F. Wayne Pate, John P. McKleroy, Jr., Joann F. Bashinsky, Mark W. McCutcheon, Paul R. Bates and David A. Jones, all directors of the Company, along with Patty Townsend, an officer of the Company. The decision of a majority of the members of the Voting Committee governs how the stock is voted.

The Voting Committee will continue to vote the Company stock owned by SYB, Inc. (5,283,128 shares) and by the Marital Testamentary Trust (600,279 shares), respectively, until the SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust and the Marital Testamentary Trust terminate. The Marital Testamentary Trust will terminate upon the death of Joann F. Bashinsky and the SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust will terminate upon the earliest to occur of the following dates: (i) in the event the Company should be sold, five (5) years from the date of the sale of the Company, or (ii) December 31, 2020.

Upon termination of the SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust, the assets of the Trust will be distributed generally to descendants of Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. and control of the Company stock held by SYB, Inc. (5,283,128 shares) will transfer to these trust beneficiaries and the Voting Committee will cease to vote these shares. Upon termination of the Marital Testamentary Trust and distribution of its assets, the Company stock held by the Marital Testamentary Trust will transfer to various charitable organizations and the Voting Committee will cease to vote these shares.

The SYB, Inc. Common Stock Trust, the Marital Testamentary Trust, the Voting Committee and Joann F. Bashinsky have filed a Schedule 13D (as amended) with the SEC and the Company remains classified as a "Controlled Company." SYB, Inc., the Marital Testamentary Trust and Joann F. Bashinsky as a group own 55.98% of the common stock of the Company.

#### PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual Meeting, eleven Directors are to be elected, comprising the entire membership of the Board, each to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or until a successor has been elected and qualified or any earlier resignation or removal. All nominees are presently members of the Board of Directors (the "Board"). All nominees standing for reelection are currently serving as members of the Board and have consented to continue to serve if elected. If any nominee for any reason is unable to serve or will not serve, the proxies may be voted for such substitute nominee as the Board may nominate. The Company is not aware of any nominee who will be unable or unwilling to serve as a Director.

Shares represented by your proxy will be voted in accordance with your direction as to the election as directors of the persons hereinafter listed as nominees. In the absence of clear direction otherwise, the shares represented by your proxy will be voted FOR such election. Should any of the persons listed as nominees become unavailable as a nominee for election, it is intended that the shares represented by your proxy will be voted for the balance of those named and for a substitute nominee or nominees proposed by the Board of Directors unless the Board reduces the number of directors, but the Board knows of no reason to anticipate that this will occur. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named.

The Board has established certain attributes that it seeks in identifying candidates/nominees for Director. In particular, the Board desires individuals who have very high integrity, business and financial experience and deep, genuine interests in the Company. In considering candidates for Director, the Board considers the entirety of each candidate's credentials in the context of these attributes. In the judgment of the Company's Board as a whole, each of the following nominees possesses such attributes.

The following table shows the names of the nominees for election as directors, their respective ages as of July 24, 2015, the nominees' principal occupation, business experience, other directorships held by such nominees, qualifications and skills considered by the Board and the period during which such nominees have served as directors of the Company.

Name and Age	Principal Occupation Business Experiences and Other Directorships	Director Since
Joann F. Bashinsky, 83	Mrs. Bashinsky is Chairman and CEO of SYB, 1996 Inc., an investment holding company, which is a principal owner of the Company. Mrs. Bashinsky served as Vice President of SYB, Inc. from 1981 until August 8, 2005, at which time she was elected Chairman and CEO. Mrs. Bashinsky also serves as Chairman and CEO of Bashinsky Foundation, Inc., a private charitable foundation.	
	The Company benefits from Mrs. Bashinsky's knowledge of and long service to the Company, her service as a Director of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. ("Golden Flake"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, along with the important knowledge she possesses of the Company's operations and history.	
Paul R. Bates, 61	Mr. Bates, has served as Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Golden Flake since 1998. He joined Golden Flake in 1979 as a route salesperson in Birmingham. He has also been a Divisional Manager in New Orleans, Region Manager in Nashville, Sales Manager, and Vice President of Sales for Golden Flake.	2010
	Mr. Bates' long and extensive history with the Company from route salesman to Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing and Director of Golden Flake, along with his extensive knowledge of sales and marketing in the snack foods industry is of substantial value	

and benefit to the Company.

David A. Jones, 63

Mr. Jones has served as Executive Vice President of Operations for Golden Flake since 2010. He joined Golden Flake in 1984 as a Department Manager of Corn and Tortilla Chips. He has previously been the plant manager of the Golden Flake Nashville manufacturing facility, plant manager of the Birmingham facility, and Vice President of Manufacturing for Golden Flake.

Mr. Jones has an extensive history with the Company and the manufacturing of the Company's snack foods. Mr. Jones also serves as a Director of Golden Flake. His knowledge of snack food manufacturing requirements/processes and the Company's operations is a great benefit to the Company.

Mark W. McCutcheon, 60

Mr. McCutcheon is Chairman of the Board, 1999  
 Chief Executive Officer, and President of the  
 Company and President of Golden Flake. He  
 has served as President and Chief Executive  
 Officer of the Company since April 4, 2001  
 and as President of Golden Flake since  
 November 1, 1998. Mr. McCutcheon was  
 elected Chairman of the Board on July 22,  
 2010. He has been employed by Golden Flake  
 since 1980.

The Company benefits from Mr. McCutcheon's  
 experience with the Company as its President  
 and CEO, President of Golden Flake and his  
 extensive experience in the snack foods  
 industry, along with Mr. McCutcheon's  
 positive management style and operation of the  
 Company.

John P. McKleroy, Jr., 71

Mr. McKleroy is an attorney and member of  
 Spain & Gillon, L.L.C., and general counsel  
 for the Company. He has practiced law with  
 Spain & Gillon, L.L.C. (or its predecessors)  
 since 1968. Mr. McKleroy is also Vice  
 President, Secretary and a Director of SYB,  
 Inc. and Bashinsky Foundation, Inc.

1976

The Company benefits from Mr. McKleroy's  
 experience as an attorney, his long-term  
 representation and knowledge of the Company  
 and Golden Flake and his long service to the  
 Company as a Director and as general counsel.

William B. Morton, Jr., 51

Mr. Morton is CEO and President (since 2002) 2010  
 of Robins & Morton, a general contracting  
 company based in Birmingham, Alabama with  
 significant capabilities in the latest  
 construction technology and project  
 management techniques. He has been with  
 Robins & Morton since 1988. Mr. Morton has  
 worked as a Field Engineer, Assistant  
 Superintendent and Project Manager on  
 construction projects throughout the  
 country. Mr. Morton also worked in various  
 management positions in Robins & Morton's  
 home office prior to being named its President  
 and assuming day-to-day leadership.

Mr. Morton is nominated to serve as a Director due to his business background in working in a number of different management positions, his financial knowledge and the experience and insight he brings to the Company as the CEO and President of a company that operates throughout the United States. Mr. Morton is also a director of Oakworth Capital Bank, a privately held financial institution headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama.

J. Wallace Nall, Jr., 75

Mr. Nall is President of Nall Development Corporation and a General Partner of Nall Partnership, Ltd. He has held these positions since 1981. Nall Development Corporation is an investment holding company and Nall Partnership, Ltd. is a real estate investment and development company. 1991

The Company benefits from Mr. Nall's real estate investment and financial experience, along with Mr. Nall's knowledge of the history of the Company, his long service as a Company Director and Chairperson of the Compensation Committee.

Edward R. Pascoe, 78

Mr. Pascoe is retired Chairman of the Board of Steel City Bolt & Screw, Inc. (formerly Coosa Acquisition, Inc.) which, in 1995, acquired the bolt and special fastener business owned by the Company. He served as President of Steel City Bolt & Screw, Inc. and Nall & Associates, Inc., which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, from 1972 and 1973, respectively, until 1995.

1971

Mr. Pascoe has significant experience as a Director of the Company and Golden Flake and the Company benefits from this experience, his experience as President of former subsidiaries of the Company and Mr. Pascoe's service on the Audit Committee for eleven years.

F. Wayne Pate, 80	<p>Mr. Pate retired as President of the Company on May 31, 2000. He served as President of the Company from November 1, 1998 until retirement. He also served as President of Golden Flake from September 20, 1991, to November 1, 1998.</p> <p>Mr. Pate's knowledge of the Company which he acquired as past President of the Company and Golden Flake, his over forty years of service as an employee and/or Director of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. and his overall knowledge of the snack food industry are of a great benefit to the Company.</p>	1992
John S. P. Samford, 65	<p>Mr. Samford is President and sole owner of Samford Capital Corporation, an investment holding company which he formed in 1989. He also is the vice president and secretary and member of the Board of Directors of the Ford Plantation Club, a private residential and sporting development near Savannah, Georgia.</p> <p>Mr. Samford's qualifications and skills include his knowledge and experience with investments, his knowledge and ability to review financial information of public companies, his long service to the Company as a Director and his service on the Audit Committee since 1989.</p>	1984
John S. Stein III, 50	<p>Mr. Stein is a co-founder and principal (since 2001) of Fidelis Capital, an SEC registered investment advisor based in Birmingham, Alabama. From 2001 to 2009, Mr. Stein served as CEO of IntraMicron, Inc., a technology research, development and deployment company, and continues to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Stein is also Chairman of the Board of Raycom Media, Inc. (television broadcasting) and a board member of SiO2 Medical Products, Inc. (a company developing novel parenteral containers for the pharmaceutical industries). From 2009 to 2011, Mr. Stein served as Chairman and CEO of National Alabama Corporation, a company organized to manufacture railcars in northwest Alabama.</p>	2010



Mr. Stein was nominated to serve as a Director due to his business and financial background, experience in the investment banking industry, expertise and insight as a CEO of other companies, current directorship experience and his knowledge of the Company.

Our Board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote FOR the election of each nominee for Director named above.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Controlled Company

The Company is deemed a "Controlled Company" within the meaning of Listing Rule 5615 of the Corporate Governance Standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ") on which the Company's shares are traded because 55.98% of the Company's stock is owned (directly or indirectly) and/or voted by the control group (as previously described in "Voting Control" on pages 5- 6). Controlled companies are exempt from a number of NASDAQ corporate governance standards, including the requirement to have a majority of independent directors and the requirement to have director nominees selected by a nominating committee comprised of independent directors. Controlled companies are also exempt from the requirement to have the compensation of the company's officers determined by a compensation committee comprised of a majority of independent directors.

### Director Independence

The Board has determined that Edward R. Pascoe, John S.P. Samford, John S. Stein, III and William B. Morton, Jr. are qualified as "Independent Directors" within the meaning of the director independence standards and Listing Rules of the NASDAQ and the SEC under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"). All other directors serve on the Voting Committee described in "Security Ownership of Management" and do not qualify as Independent Directors.

### Meetings of Independent Directors

The Independent Directors meet in executive sessions (with no management directors or officers present) at least twice each year. The Independent Directors met two times in the fiscal year ending May 29, 2015. All Independent Directors attended both meetings.

### Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has a Compensation Committee, Stock Option Committee and an Audit Committee. The Board of Directors, as a Controlled Company, is not required to and has no standing Nominating Committee.

The Compensation Committee reviews the performance of the Executive Officers of the Company and the top executive officer of Golden Flake and recommends to the Board of Directors of the Company the appropriate compensation level and compensation and benefit programs of such officers. The Board as a whole sets officer compensation. The Compensation Committee consists of John S.P. Samford, J. Wallace Nall, Jr., Joann F. Bashinsky and F. Wayne Pate. The Compensation Committee met once during fiscal year 2015. Since the Company qualifies under NASDAQ Listing/Corporate Governance Rules as a Controlled Company, the Compensation Committee is not required to meet the independence requirements of the listing standards of NASDAQ and the non-employee director definition of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The Stock Option Committee administers the 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan") and grants officers and key employees awards under the 2014 Plan. The Stock Option Committee consists of Joann F. Bashinsky, J. Wallace Nall, John S.P. Samford and F. Wayne Pate. The Stock Option Committee met once during fiscal year 2015. Since the Company qualifies under NASDAQ Listing/Corporate Governance Rules as a Controlled Company, the Stock Option Committee is not required to meet the independence requirements of the listing standards of NASDAQ and the non-employee director definition of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.



The Audit Committee reviews the results of the annual audit and quarterly financial statements, selects and engages the independent accountants, assesses the adequacy of the Company's procedures in connection with financial controls and receives and considers the independent accountants' comments as to internal controls. The Audit Committee met separately as a committee four times during fiscal year 2015. The Audit Committee meets with management to review each of the Company's quarterly and annual financial statements filed on Form 10-Q and Form 10-K, prior to the filing of those reports with the SEC. The Audit Committee's functions include the engagement of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, review of the results of the audit engagement and the Company's financial results, review of the Company's financial statements by the independent registered public accounting firm and their opinion thereon, review of auditors' independence, review of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls and similar functions and approval of all auditing and non-auditing service performed by the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company. The Audit Committee acts pursuant to a written charter, which is reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

John S.P. Samford, Chairman, Edward R. Pascoe, William B. Morton, Jr. and John S. Stein, III constitute the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of this committee qualify as independent directors under the current Listing Rules and requirements of NASDAQ and the SEC. The Board of Directors has further determined that all of the members of this committee qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" under the rules and regulations of the SEC. The Audit Committee met four times during fiscal year 2015. See "REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS".

#### Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, there were four regular meetings of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee met once and the Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year 2015. All directors attended all of the meetings of the Board and the Committees on which they served except for one Board member who missed one Board meeting. All Directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees.

#### Compensation of Directors

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, the Company paid each of its non-employee Directors a retainer of \$300 per month and a fee of \$2,000 for each regular Board meeting attended. The members of the Compensation Committee were each paid \$2,000 for attending the Compensation Committee meeting and the members of the Audit Committee were paid \$1,000 for each meeting attended.

#### Board Member Attendance at Annual Meetings

It is the policy of Golden Enterprises that each member of the Board shall make a reasonable effort to attend all meetings of the Board, applicable committee meetings and the Company's annual meeting of shareholders. All Directors except for one attended the Annual Stockholders Meeting held last year.

## Nomination of Directors

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, the Company did not have a standing nominating committee. The NASDAQ rules do not require the Company to have a nominating committee since the Company was a "Controlled Company" pursuant to NASDAQ Listing Rule 5615.

The Board believes that it is not necessary to have a separate nominating committee in view of the size of the Company, and the fact that the Company is a "Controlled Company". Nominees for election as a director are determined by the entire Board. The Company believes that the Board is able to fully consider and select appropriate nominees for election to the Board without delegating that responsibility to a committee or adopting formal procedures. Candidates have traditionally been recommended to the Board by one or more of the other Directors, and there is no formal process for identifying or evaluating new Director nominees. Candidates recommended by shareholders will be evaluated in the same manner as candidates recommended by Directors. In nominating Directors, the Board will consider all relevant qualifications, as well as the needs of the Company and compliance with NASDAQ listing standards and SEC rules.

A shareholder who would like to recommend a candidate for Director should send a letter to Golden Enterprises, Inc., attention of the Secretary, at One Golden Flake Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35205. The mailing envelope must contain a clear notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a "Director Nominee Recommendation." The letter must identify the author as a shareholder and provide a brief summary of the candidate's qualifications, as well as contact information for both the candidate and the shareholder. Candidates should have relevant business and financial experience, and they must be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements. All Candidates who have been recommended will be considered by the Board for nomination. Candidates who have been nominated by the Board must evidence their willingness to serve as a Director.

## Communications with the Board

Shareholders interested in communicating directly with the Board of Directors may do so by writing the Secretary of the Company, at the following address:

Board of Directors of Golden Enterprises, Inc.  
C/O Corporate Secretary  
One Golden Flake Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

All such letters must identify the author as a shareholder. The Secretary of Golden Enterprises, Inc. will review all such communications and forward all appropriate communications to the Board.

## Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires that Directors, certain Executive Officers and beneficial owners of more than ten percent of the stock of the Company file reports of stock ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These reports consist of Forms 3, Initial Statement of Ownership, 4, Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership, and 5, Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership. Based upon a review of copies of such reports, or written representations, the Company believes that Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its Directors, Executive Officers and beneficial owners of more than ten percent of the stock of the Company were complied with during the fiscal year 2015.



## Board of Directors, Duties and Committees

Directors are expected to devote sufficient time to carrying out their duties and responsibilities effectively. The Board of Directors meets regularly four times each fiscal year to review matters affecting the Company and to act on matters requiring the Board's approval. It also holds special meetings whenever circumstances require and may act by unanimous written consent without a meeting.

The Company's Board of Directors currently consists of eleven directors. Mark W. McCutcheon serves as the Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors met four times during the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, all of which were regularly scheduled meetings. In the last fiscal year, the Independent Directors met twice in executive sessions. All directors, with the exception of one director, attended 100% of the meetings of the Board and the meetings of the committees on which they served during the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015. One director missed one of the four scheduled meetings. The Board has a policy expecting director attendance at all Board and committee meetings and the Company's annual meeting of stockholders.

The Company's Board has established an Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Stock Option Committee. The Charter for the Audit Committee is available from the Company and is posted on the Company's website at [www.goldenflake.com](http://www.goldenflake.com). The Compensation Committee has no Charter, but its duties and responsibilities are set forth in corporate minutes adopted by the Board. The Stock Option Committee has no charter, but its duties and responsibilities are set forth in the 2014 Plan. In addition, the Board may from time to time establish special purpose committees. There were no special purpose committees existing in the last fiscal year.

## Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight

The business and affairs of the Company are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is led by the Chairman of the Board. This role is currently occupied by Mark W. McCutcheon, who also serves as Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors has determined that having Mr. McCutcheon serve as both the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board is in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders. The Board believes that this combination is appropriate because, in its opinion, the overseeing of Board functions is integrally related to the Chief Executive Officer's responsibility of day-to-day management of a Company this size and, that due to Mr. McCutcheon's abilities, he is also the best person to handle both duties. The Board of Directors does not however have a formal policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board as the Board of Directors believes it is in the best interests of the Company to make the determination regarding how to fulfill these functions based on the position and direction of the Company and the qualifications of the CEO and Board members. A lead independent director has not been designated because the Board does not believe it is warranted for a company of our size and complexity.

The Board of Directors as a whole establishes the Company's overall policies and standards, reviews the performance of management and considers overall risk regarding operations and goals and how those risks are being managed. The Board believes that effective risk management and control processes are critical to the Company's ability to manage the challenges that the Company faces. Management is responsible for implementing the Company's risk assessment and management functions and for reporting to the Board on its processes and assessments with respect to the management of risk. The Board, in turn, is responsible for overseeing management's risk functions. The Audit Committee monitors the processes by which management assesses and manages risk. Management meets with, or provides reports to, the Company's Audit Committee at least once per quarter to review the Company's risk profile and other risk topics. In addition, the Chief Financial Officer meets at least quarterly with the Audit Committee and the full Board to discuss the Company's financial risk, results and financial forecasts. The Compensation Committee and the Board as a whole assess the risks that the Company's overall compensation goals and objectives, as well as any compensation or other programs that are reasonably likely to create a material risk to the Company.





### Corporate Governance Documents

Certain documents relating to corporate governance matters are available on the Company website at [www.goldenflake.com](http://www.goldenflake.com). These corporate governance documents include, among others, the following:

- Charter for the Audit Committee of the Board;
- Code of Business Conduct and Ethics;
- Complaint Procedures for Accounting and Accounting Matters; and
- Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Stockholders may also obtain a copy of these documents free of charge by contacting Patty Townsend, Chief Financial Officer, by email at [ptownsend@goldenflake.com](mailto:ptownsend@goldenflake.com) or by telephone at (205) 323-6161.

### Director Independence

Of the eleven directors currently serving on the Board of Directors, the Board has determined that Edward R. Pascoe, John S.P. Samford, William B. Morton, Jr. and John S. Stein, III are “Independent Directors” as defined in the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (NASDAQ) Listing Rules and the SEC. As a Controlled Company, as previously discussed, the Company is exempt from certain independence requirements of the NASDAQ rules, including the requirement to maintain a majority of Independent Directors on the Board of Directors, an Independent Compensation Committee or a Standing Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee or committees performing similar function.

All members of the Audit Committee must be Independent Directors as defined by NASDAQ Policies and Practices and the SEC. The Company’s four Independent Directors serve on the Audit Committee, with Mr. Samford serving as Chairman.

### Policies and Practices

The Company’s policies and practices reflect corporate governance standards that comply with the listing requirements of NASDAQ and the corporate governance requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, including the following:

- All members of the Audit Committee are independent;
- The Charter of the Audit Committee establishes the Committee’s duties and responsibilities;
- The independent members of the Company’s Board of Directors meet regularly (“executive sessions”) without the presence of management;
- The Company has a policy for attendance of Board members at both regular Board and committee meetings and shareholder meetings;

- The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics;
- The Company has adopted Disclosure Controls and Procedures which establishes a committee for regular evaluation of internal company disclosure control and procedures;
- The Company has procedures in place for the anonymous submission to the Audit Committee of employee and third party complaints on accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters;
- The Company has policies and procedures for stockholders to communicate directly with the Board of Directors; and
  - The Audit Committee must review, approve and/or ratify all related party transactions.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### The Objectives of the Executive Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing and administering the Company's policies governing the compensation for the Executive Officers. All actions of the Compensation Committee must be approved by the Board of Directors. Because the Company qualifies as a Controlled Company pursuant to the exception of NASDAQ Listing Rule 5615, the Compensation Committee is composed of both independent and non-independent directors. See "Committees of the Board of Directors" above.

The purpose of the Company's executive compensation program is to attract, retain and motivate qualified executives to manage the business so as to maximize profits and stockholder value. No outside consultants have been used to evaluate or determine compensation. Executive compensation in the aggregate is made up principally of the executive's annual base salary, a bonus based upon operating earnings and Company perquisites or benefits. The Compensation Committee annually considers and makes recommendations to the Board as to executive compensation including changes in base salary and cash incentive bonuses. Stock options and awards of stock were granted by the Stock Option Committee during the year ended May 29, 2015 under the 2014 Plan.

Consistent with the above-noted purpose of the executive compensation program, in recommending the aggregate annual compensation of Executive Officers, the Compensation Committee considers the individual contribution and performance of the executive, the Company's overall performance and the total return to stockholders. The Company's executive compensation program focuses on strategic plans, corporate performance measures, and specific corporate goals. The corporate performance measures which the Compensation Committee considers include sales, earnings, return on equity and comparisons of sales and earnings with prior years.

The Compensation Committee does not rely on any fixed formulae or specific numerical criteria in determining an executive's aggregate compensation. It considers corporate and personal performance criteria and the economic environment, changes in the cost of living, competitive compensation levels and the recommendations of management. The Compensation Committee exercises business judgment based on all of these criteria and the purposes of the executive compensation program.

## Base Salary

The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee sets base salaries for the Company's executive officers at levels which the Company believes are fair and reasonable based on the scope of the executive officer's individual responsibilities, taking into account competitive market compensation paid by other companies for similar positions. With our named executive officers, we set base salaries based on level of responsibility, span of control and experience. Base salaries are reviewed annually, as well as at the time of hire, promotion or changes in responsibility. Base salaries may also be adjusted from time to time to realign salaries with market levels. Base salary changes may also impact bonus amounts and actual bonus payouts.

## Discretionary Performance-Based Bonus

The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, has the authority to award performance-based bonuses to our executive officers payable in cash. The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, has utilized a formula adopted at the beginning of the year for determining bonuses, which is based on performance of the Company during the fiscal year. There is no requirement that the Board continue using this formula for the payment of bonuses.

## Performance Measurement

Annual, performance-based awards are intended to compensate executive officers for achieving Company-wide financial goals and objectives. These objectives relate to general profitability factors.

Generally, performance bonuses are accrued on a quarterly basis with seventy-five percent (75%) of the accrued amount paid after the end of the each of the first three quarters with the remainder of the final accrued amount paid after the end of the fiscal year when audited annual financial statements are received. All bonuses are subject to "claw-back" provisions in the event of certain actions of the officers.

The formula used for bonuses focuses on net operating profits (excluding certain extraordinary items) of the Company which exceed a required equity return on investments to determine the amount of bonuses. The bonuses provide for a percentage bonus on net profits up to a set net profit amount (excluding extraordinary items) and a different, smaller percentage bonus on net profits in excess of the set net profit amount (excluding extraordinary items).

## Incentive Benefits

### 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan

On September 18, 2014, the Company's shareholders approved the 2014 Plan. The purpose of the 2014 Plan is to further the growth in earnings and market appreciation of the Company by providing long term incentives to those officers and key employees of the Company or its subsidiaries who make substantial contributions to the Company through their ability, loyalty, industry and invention.

The 2014 Plan is administered by the Stock Option Committee of the Board of Directors.

The 2014 Plan authorizes the Stock Option Committee to grant to officers and key employees in the 2014 Plan (i) stock options (which may be non-qualified options or incentive stock options for tax purposes), (ii) stock appreciation rights ("SARs") (which may be issued in tandem with stock options), (iii) restricted stock awards, (iv) performance units (which may be in stock, cash or a combination thereof), and (v) supplemental cash payments. Persons eligible to participate in the 2014 Plan shall be those officers and key employees of the Company and its subsidiary who are in

positions in which their decisions, actions and counsel significantly impact the performance of the Company or its subsidiaries. Participants are chosen from this group by the Stock Option Committee.

Shares Reserved for Issuance. The aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock which may be issued under the 2014 Plan may not exceed 750,000. Shares subject to options granted under the 2014 Plan which expire unexercised, or shares subject to awards which are otherwise forfeited or canceled, will not count against this limit.

Stock Options. The Stock Option Committee is authorized to determine the terms and conditions of all stock option grants, subject to certain specific limitations as set forth in the 2014 Plan. In general, incentive and nonqualified stock options may be granted, the term of an option may not be longer than ten (10) years, and any stock option shall be subject to certain restrictions on transferability. Payment of the stock option price may be in cash, check or other instrument acceptable to the Stock Option Committee, or, in the discretion of the Stock Option Committee, in the form of unrestricted common stock of the Company owned by the optionee.

Stock Appreciation Rights. The Stock Option Committee is authorized to grant SARs either independent of or in connection with stock options granted under the 2014 Plan. The exercise of SARs will entitle the holder thereof to an amount (the "appreciation") equal to the difference between the fair market value of the common stock on the date the SAR was issued (or, in the case of SARs issued in connection with options, the exercise price under the related option agreement) and the fair market value of a share of common stock of the Company on the date the SAR is exercised. The appreciation will be payable in cash or common stock of the Company at the discretion of the Stock Option Committee. The exercise of SARs granted in connection with options will terminate those options.

The exercise of SARs which are paid in common stock will be treated as the issuance of the shares of common stock to which the SARs relate for purposes of calculating the maximum number of shares which have been issued under the 2014 Plan.

Restricted Stock. The Stock Option Committee is authorized to award restricted stock under the 2014 Plan subject to such terms and conditions as the Stock Option Committee may determine. The Stock Option Committee will have authority to determine the number of shares of restricted stock to be awarded, the price, if any, to be paid by the recipient of the restricted stock, and the date on which the restricted stock will vest. The vesting of restricted stock may be conditioned upon the completion of a specified period of service with the Company, upon the attainment of specified performance goals, or upon such other criteria as the Stock Option Committee may determine. The Stock Option Committee has the discretion to make loans to the recipients for the purchase price of the restricted stock and to accelerate the vesting of the restricted stock on a case by case basis at any time.

Performance Units. The Stock Option Committee may grant performance units under which payment may be made to the participant upon the attainment of specific performance goals. Such performance goals will be established by the Stock Option Committee and will relate to the performance of the Company (or any segment thereof) over a specified performance period, as judged under any business criteria deemed appropriate by the Stock Option Committee, including, without limitation, growth in earnings, the ratio of earnings to shareholder's equity or the ratio of earnings to total capital.

The Stock Option Committee shall determine the extent to which the performance targets have been attained, and what, if any, payment is due the participant on the performance unit. Such payment may be made, at the Stock Option Committee's discretion, in cash or common stock of the Company (based on the then current fair market value of such stock).

Supplemental Cash Payments. A stock option, SAR, restricted stock or performance unit award may provide for the Company to make a supplemental cash payment to a participant. Payments may be made for the purpose of, but not limited to, assisting the employee in paying income taxes resulting from an award under the 2014 Plan. In no event shall the amount of cash payment exceed the value of the award to which it relates.

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, a total of 310,000 incentive stock options were granted to officers and key employees of the Company. Of this amount, options were granted on April 9, 2015 in the following amounts: (i) 50,000 shares were granted to Mark W. McCutcheon, President and Chief Executive Officer, (of which 26,041 are exercisable one year after the date of grant and 23,959 are exercisable two years after the date of grant); (ii) 35,000 shares were granted to Paul R. Bates, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. (of which 26,041 are exercisable one year after the date of grant and 8,959 are exercisable two years after the date of grant); (iii) 35,000 shares were granted to David R. Jones, Executive Vice President of Operations of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. (of which 26,041 are exercisable one year after the date of grant and 8,959 are exercisable two years after the date of grant); and (iv) 35,000 shares were granted to Patty R. Townsend, CFO, Vice President and Secretary of the Company (of which 26,041 are exercisable one year after the date of grant and 8,959 are exercisable two years after the date of grant). More detailed information concerning these stock options is set forth in the following tables.

#### Perquisites and Benefits

Other than the use of a Company car, the Company generally does not have programs to provide personal perquisites or executive benefits solely to executive officers. The exception is that Mr. McCutcheon, as CEO of the Company, is provided a nonqualified salary continuation plan which is generally payable beginning at retirement, disability or death, Company-provided life insurance and healthcare reimbursement. Our executive officers are eligible to participate in the same benefit programs as all other employees. These benefits include the following:

Medical and dental care plans	Flexible Spending Accounts for healthcare and dependent care spending
Life accidental death and dismemberment and disability insurance	401(k) plan
Paid time off	Non Qualified Plan (Benefit and Savings Plan)

Consistent with the Company's compensation philosophy, the Company intends to maintain its current benefits for its executive officers. However, the Board of Directors in its discretion may revise, amend, delete or add to the executive officers' benefits if it deems it advisable.

#### Employment Agreements, Severance Benefits and Change in Control Provisions

The Company has a non-qualified Salary Continuation Plan established for the benefit of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Mark W. McCutcheon. The Company entered into this Salary Continuation Plan, on May 15, 2002, to ensure the performance of his role in the Company for an extended period of time. In addition, the Company also considered the critical nature of the position and the Company's need to retain him when it committed to establish this plan. The Salary Continuation Plan provides for payments of up to \$120,000 per year, as adjusted for inflation, for 15 years following death or retirement at age 65. Payments under the Salary Continuation Plan, subject to certain exceptions, are contingent upon Mr. McCutcheon remaining employed with the Company until death, disability or retirement from the Company at or after age 65. In the event of disability prior to retirement, the yearly benefit of \$120,000 is reduced by any payments of social security disability benefits and long term disability benefits which were funded or provided by the Company. The Salary Continuation Plan may be amended or terminated by the

Company's Board of Directors, except that in the event of a change of control in the Company, the Salary Continuation Plan becomes irrevocable. The Plan is funded in part with life insurance on the life of Mr. McCutcheon.

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to compensation for the fiscal years 2014 and 2015 earned by or paid to the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the other most highly compensated Executive Officers whose total compensation exceeded \$100,000.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(5)	Non-Qualified	Deferred	All Other Compensation (\$)(1)	Total (\$)
						Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Compensation Earning (\$)		
Mark W. McCutcheon (a)	2015	\$ 335,000	\$ 71,884	---	\$ 58,000	---	---	\$ 154,141	\$ 619,025
President and Chief Executive Officer and President of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc.	2014	\$ 325,000	\$ 27,435	---	---	---	---	\$ 146,996	\$ 431,499
Paul R. Bates (b)	2015	\$ 232,000	\$ 26,957	---	\$ 40,600	---	---	\$ 25,749	\$ 325,306
Executive Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Transportation of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc.	2014	\$ 225,000	\$ 20,576	---	---	---	---	\$ 24,692	\$ 270,268
David A. Jones (c)	2015	\$ 232,000	\$ 26,957	---	\$ 40,600	---	---	\$ 32,680	\$ 332,237
Executive Vice President of Operations, Human Resources and Quality Control of Golden Flake	2014	\$ 225,000	\$ 20,576	---	---	---	---	\$ 26,697	\$ 272,273



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Patty Townsend (d) Chief Financial Officer Vice President and Secretary	2015	\$ 195,000	\$ 26,957	---	\$ 40,600	---	---	\$ 23,281	\$ 285,838
	2014	\$ 185,000	\$ 20,576	---	---	---	---	\$ 24,495	\$ 230,071

(1) The compensation represented by the amounts set forth in the All Other Compensation column is detailed in the following table, except as noted:

2015	Company Contribution to 401(k)	Salary Continuation Plan Accruals	Golden Flake Director Fees	Perquisites (4)	Company Paid Life Insurance	Total All Other Compensation
Name	(\$)	(\$)				
Mark W. McCutcheon	\$ 2,600	\$ 107,846 (2)	\$ 6,000	\$ 36,869	\$ 826	\$ 154,141 (3)
Paul R. Bates	\$ 2,291	---	\$ 6,000	\$ 16,666	\$ 792	\$ 25,749 (3)
David A. Jones	\$ 2,291	---	\$ 6,000	\$ 23,597	\$ 792	\$ 32,680 (3)
Patty Townsend	\$ 954	---	\$ 5,000	\$ 16,811	\$ 516	\$ 23,281

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2014	Company Contribution to 401(k)	Salary Continuation Plan Accruals	Golden Flake Director Fees	Perquisites (4)	Company Paid Life Insurance	Total All Other Compensation
Name	(\$)	(\$)	Fees	(4)	Insurance	Compensation
Mark W. McCutcheon	\$ 1,488	\$ 100,344 (2)	\$ 6,000	\$ 38,339	\$ 826	\$ 146,996 (3)
Paul R. Bates	\$ 1,313	---	\$ 6,000	\$ 16,587	\$ 792	\$ 24,692 (3)
David A. Jones	\$ 1,313	---	\$ 6,000	\$ 18,593	\$ 792	\$ 26,697 (3)
Patty Townsend	\$ 540	---	\$ 5,500	\$ 17,940	\$ 516	\$ 24,495

(2) Amounts set forth as Salary Continuation Plan Accruals and any receipt thereof by Mr. McCutcheon in the future are subject to the requirements, conditions and continuation of the Salary Continuation Plan as described on Pages 19- 20.

(3) Total All Other Compensation does not include Golden Enterprises, Inc. Director fees shown on Page 23.

(4) The compensation represented by the amounts set forth in the perquisites column is detailed in the following table:

2015  
Perquisites

Name	Health Care Reim	Company Car Allowance	LTD Insurance	Company Contributions 401(k) Mirror Plan Match	Total Perquisites
Mark W. McCutcheon	\$ 12,411	\$ 3,623	\$ 2,863	\$ 17,972	\$ 36,869
Paul R. Bates	\$ ---	\$ 2,439	\$ 1,873	\$ 12,354	\$ 16,666
David A. Jones	\$ ---	\$ 3,199	\$ 1,922	\$ 18,476	\$ 23,597
Patty Townsend	\$ ---	\$ 4,752	\$ 1,602	\$ 10,457	\$ 16,811

2014  
Perquisites

Name	Health Care Reim	Company Car Allowance	LTD Insurance	Company Contributions 401(k) Mirror Plan Match	Total Perquisites
Mark W. McCutcheon	\$ 15,021	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,814	\$ 17,694	\$ 38,339
Paul R. Bates	\$ ---	\$ 2,444	\$ 1,905	\$ 12,238	\$ 16,587
	\$ ---	\$ 4,299	\$ 1,920	\$ 12,374	\$ 18,593

David A.  
Jones  
Patty  
Townsend

\$ ---      \$ 6,239      \$ 1,622      \$ 10,079      \$ 17,940

(5) The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of each option award granted during fiscal year 2015, computed in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (“ASC 718”). Additional information can be found in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015.

(a) Mark W. McCutcheon has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since April 4, 2001. He has served as President of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. since November 1, 1998.

(b) Paul R. Bates has served as Executive Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Transportation of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. since October 26, 1998.

(c) David A. Jones has served as Executive Vice President of Operations, Human Resources and Quality Control of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. since May 20, 2002. He was Vice President of Manufacturing from 1998 to 2002 and Vice President of Operations from 2000 to 2002.

(d) Patty Townsend has served as Chief Financial Officer, Vice-President and Secretary of the Company since March 1, 2004.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to grants of 2014 Plan-based awards to the named executive officers for fiscal year 2015:

Name	Grant Date	Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Option Awards (\$)
Mark W. McCutcheon	April 9, 2015	50,000	3.84	\$ 58,000
Paul R. Bates	April 9, 2015	35,000	3.84	\$ 40,600
David A. Jones	April 9, 2015	35,000	3.84	\$ 40,600
Patty Townsend	April 9, 2015	35,000	3.84	\$ 40,600

(1) The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of each option award granted during fiscal year 2015, computed in accordance with ASC 718.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table provides information regarding outstanding equity awards held by the named executive officers for fiscal year 2015:

Name	Option Awards Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options(1)			Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date
	Exercisable	Unexercisable	Unearned		
Mark W. McCutcheon		50,000		3.84	April 9, 2025
Paul R. Bates		35,000		3.84	April 9, 2025
David A. Jones		35,000		3.84	April 9, 2025
Patty Townsend		35,000		3.84	April 9, 2025

(1) Options are to acquire shares of common stock. Options expire ten years from the grant date.

## Compensation of Directors

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, the Company paid each of its non-employee Directors a retainer of \$300 per month and a fee of \$2,000 for each regular Board meeting attended. The members of the Compensation Committee were each paid \$2,000 for attending the Compensation Committee meeting and the members of the Audit Committee were paid \$1,000 for each meeting attended. Employee Board Members were paid \$2,000 for each Board

meeting attended.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to directors compensation for the 2015 fiscal year. Amounts paid to executive officers are included in the previous table setting forth executive officer compensation.

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## Directors Compensation

Name	Fees earned			Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Nonqualified Deferred		Total
	or paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)		Compensation Earnings (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	
Joann F. Bashinsky	\$10,000						\$10,000
Paul R. Bates	\$8,000						\$8,000
David A. Jones	\$8,000						\$8,000
Mark W. McCutcheon	\$8,000						\$8,000
John P. McKleroy, Jr.	\$11,600						\$11,600
William B. Morton, Jr.	\$16,600						\$16,600
J. Wallace Nall, Jr.	\$13,600						\$13,600
Edward R. Pascoe	\$16,600						\$16,600
F. Wayne Pate	\$13,600						\$13,600
John S.P. Samford	\$14,600						\$14,600
John S. Stein, III	\$16,600						\$16,600

James I. Rotenstreich, as Director Emeritus, was paid Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for attending Directors meetings.

The following table provides compensation information for the year ended May 29, 2015 for each of the independent members of the Board.

Name	Total Director Compensation (\$)
Edward R. Pascoe	\$16,600

John S.P. Samford	\$14,600
John S. Stein, III	\$16,600
William B. Morton, Jr.	\$16,600

#### Indemnification Arrangements

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that the Company indemnify and hold harmless each of its directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorney's fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection with services rendered by such directors or officers to or on behalf of the Company.

The Certificate of Incorporation also provides that a director will not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of the fiduciary duty of care as a director. This provision does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director:

- for breach of his or her duty of loyalty to the Company or to the stockholders;
- for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (relating to unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions); or
- for any improper benefit.

The Company has executed with each Director a written Indemnification Agreement which includes the items set forth above.

The Company maintains Officer and Director's Insurance to protect and benefit the Company and Directors.

Notwithstanding the Indemnification arrangements stated above, indemnification for certain liabilities under the Federal Securities Acts may be deemed by the SEC as against public policy and unenforceable.

#### CERTAIN RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015, the law firm of Spain & Gillon, L.L.C., of which John P. McKleroy, Jr. is a member, served as General Counsel and performed various legal services for the Company and its subsidiary for which it was paid legal fees of \$397,070. The firm will continue to perform legal services for the current fiscal year.

The Company believes that the related party transaction was on terms equal to or better than those available from unaffiliated third parties.

The Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee review and approve or ratify all related party transactions. Accordingly, the Audit Committee reviewed, approved and ratified the above-described related party transaction.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Audit Committee reviews with the independent auditors, the Company's Chief Financial Officer and the Company's general counsel the results of the independent auditor's annual report on the Company's financial statements. The Audit Committee selects and engages the Company's independent auditors and performs such additional functions as are necessary or prudent to fulfill the Committee's duties and responsibilities and reports its recommendations and findings to the full Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, which is reviewed and reassessed for adequacy on an annual basis.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the year ended May 29, 2015 with management and the independent auditors. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Public Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 16 ("AS 16"). The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 and has discussed with the independent auditors their independence. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the management of the Company and the independent auditors, such other matters and received such assurances from them as deemed appropriate by the Audit Committee.



The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of the non-audit services performed by Dudley, Hopton-Jones, Sims and Freeman PLLP, as described on Pages 25-26 hereof is compatible with maintaining Dudley, Hopton-Jones, Sims and Freeman PLLP's independence.

The Audit Committee recognizes the importance of maintaining the independence of the Company's independent registered public accountants. Consistent with its Charter, the Audit Committee has evaluated Dudley, Hopton-Jones, Sims & Freeman PLLP's qualifications, performance, and independence, including that of the lead audit partner. In addition, Dudley, Hopton-Jones, Sims & Freeman PLLP has provided the Audit Committee with a letter required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and the Audit Committee has engaged in dialogue with Dudley, Hopton-Jones, Sims & Freeman PLLP about their independence.

The Audit Committee reviewed, approved and ratified the related party transactions set forth and described in "Certain Related Party Transactions" on Page 24 hereof.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements referred to above be included in the Company's Annual Report on form 10-K for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Golden Enterprises, Inc.

Members of the Audit Committee: John S. P. Samford, Edward R. Pascoe, William B. Morton, Jr. and John S. Stein, III.

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Dudley, Hopton-Jones, Sims & Freeman PLLP, Certified Public Accountants ("Dudley, Hopton-Jones") were selected by the Audit Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors as the independent accountants to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015. Representatives of Dudley, Hopton-Jones will be present at the annual meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

During the fiscal years ended 2015 and 2014, Dudley, Hopton-Jones provided various audit and non-audit services to the Company and its subsidiary. As part of their services as the Company's auditors, they audited the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary, the individual financial statements of the Company and Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. and its subsidiary and also reviewed the Company's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Fees billed by Dudley, Hopton-Jones:

The following table shows information about fees billed to the Company by Dudley, Hopton-Jones.

	FYE 2015	FYE 2014
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 111,175	\$ 119,225
Audit Related Fees (2)	-0-	-0-
Tax Fees (3)	25,000	22,500
All Other Fees (4)	-0-	-0-
 Total Fees	 \$ 136,175	 \$ 141,725

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(1) Current FYE 2015 audit fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and for the timely reviews of quarterly financial statements and assistance with the review of documents filed with the SEC.

(2) Audit related fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for audit of the Company's and the Company's subsidiary employee benefit plans.

(3) Tax fees consist of the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered for tax compliance including tax planning, tax advice, the preparation of tax returns, audit of tax returns, and claims for refunds.

(4) All other fees: Dudley, Hopton-Jones did not provide any other services to the Company than those described above nor were there any other fees billed to the Company than those described above.

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The Audit Committee is required by its policy to pre-approve all services to be rendered by the Company's Independent Auditors prior to performance of such services. Pre-approval of services may be done in one of two ways, specific pre-approval or general pre-approval. With the use of specific pre-approval, the Audit Committee must specifically pre-approve the services that are to be rendered by the Independent Auditors prior to their engagement to render such services. The Audit Committee has elected to implement the specific pre-approved policy and procedure. As a result, all services provided by the Independent Auditors must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

The services of the Independent Auditors described above were specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee prior to the engagement of the Independent Auditors to render such services.

As reported on Form 8-K filed on July 20, 2015, the Company has selected Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC as the principal accountants to audit its financial statements and review Company's SEC quarterly 10-Q statements for the current fiscal year ending June 3, 2016. Dudley, Hopton will no longer serve as auditors for the Company.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company and its subsidiary for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2015 are contained in the 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders which accompanies this Proxy Statement. However, such Report and Financial Statements contained therein are not to be considered a part of this solicitation material since they are not deemed material to the matters to be acted upon at the meeting.

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Any stockholder desiring to submit a proposal to be considered by the Board of Directors for inclusion in the proxy statement and form of proxy relating to next year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders must do so in writing received by the Company on or before June 3, 2016. Any other stockholder proposals for the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received no later than July 20, 2016. The proposals must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. Any such proposals should be submitted to Golden Enterprises, Inc., Attention: Patty Townsend, CFO, Vice President & Secretary, One Golden Flake Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35205.

## CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

Golden Enterprises has adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics that applies to its directors, officers and employees and to all directors, officers and employees of Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. The Code of Conduct and Ethics and any amendments thereto, are available on Golden Flake's website at [www.goldenflake.com](http://www.goldenflake.com). Any waiver from the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Directors and Officers also will be made available on Golden Flake's website at [www.goldenflake.com](http://www.goldenflake.com).

## HOUSEHOLDING

The SEC's rules permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy delivery requirements for Proxy Statements with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single Proxy Statement addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," potentially provides extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. Some brokers household Proxy Statements, delivering a single Proxy Statement to multiple stockholders sharing an address. Once you have received notice from your broker that it will be householding materials to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If at any time you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate Proxy Statement, please notify your broker. If you would like to receive a separate copy of this Proxy Statement from us directly, please contact us by writing or telephone as follows:

Golden Enterprises, Inc.  
One Golden Flake Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35205  
Attention: Patty Townsend, Chief Financial Officer  
Telephone: (205) 323-6161

OTHER BUSINESS

It is not anticipated that there will be presented to the meeting any business other than the matters specifically set forth herein and management was not aware, a reasonable time before this solicitation of proxies, of any other matter which may properly be presented for action at the meeting. If any other business should come before the meeting, the persons named on the enclosed proxy will have discretionary authority to vote all proxies in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Mark W. McCutcheon  
Chairman