

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards**

**Topeka** – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Friday recent appointments to boards and commissions.

“I appreciate the time and talents these Kansans have given to our state,” Governor Brownback said. “Without their service our state would not be as great.”

The governor’s office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

#### **Kansas Humanities Council**

The Kansas Humanities Council is dedicated to promoting the humanities as a public resource for all Kansans. KHC encourages communities to view their libraries, museums, arts centers, senior centers, and local service clubs as forums for ideas. KHC is a nonprofit organization governed by a 22-member Board of Directors, 17 of which are selected through open nominations and five are appointed by the Governor.

- David Vail, Manhattan, is being appointed to a three year term. Mr. Vail earned his bachelor degree from Southern Oregon University, his master degree from Utah State University and his doctorate from Kansas State University. He currently serves as the Assistant Curator: Morse Department of Special Collections at Kansas State University.

#### **Kansas State Board of Agriculture**

The Kansas State Board of Agriculture is composed of nine members appointed by the governor. One member is appointed from each congressional district and the remaining members are appointed at large.

- Gregory Reno, Cheney, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Reno earned a bachelor degree from Kansas State University. He currently serves as Regional Vice President for American AgCredit.
- Ann Peuser, Baldwin City, is being re-appointed to a four year term. Ms. Peuser earned a bachelor degree from Kansas State University. She currently owns and operates Clinton Parkway Nursery.

#### **911 Coordinating Council**

The 911 Coordinating Council will monitor the delivery of 911 services in our state, develop strategies for future enhancements to the 911 system and distribute grant funds to public safety answering points.

- James Reed, Mulvane, is being appointed to a three year term. Mr. Reed is a certified law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician and firefighter. He currently serves as the Director of Emergency Communications/911 for Sumner County.
- Colonel Christopher Stratmann, Topeka, is being appointed to a three year term. Colonel Stratmann earned a bachelor degree from Washburn University and a master of science from Central Missouri State University. He is currently the Chief Information Officer for the Joint Force Headquarters of the Kansas National Guard.

### **Kansas Dental Board**

The Kansas Dental Board was created to carry out and enforce the Kansas Dental Practices Act. The Board consists of nine members: six licensed and qualified resident dentists (one from each congressional district and two at-large), two licensed and qualified resident dental hygienists, and one representative from the general public. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms and serve until their successors are appointed.

- Glenn Hemberger, Overland Park, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Hemberger earned a bachelor degree from St. Benedict's College and his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Missouri Kansas City. He currently owns a private dental practice specializing in pediatric dentistry.

### **Capitol Preservation Committee**

The Kansas Capitol Preservation Committee is a ten person committee, of which the Governor makes three appointments. This Committee is responsible for approving all proposals for renovation of all areas of the state capitol and the state capitol grounds to insure that the historical beauty of the areas are preserved.

- Richard Kyle, Hillsboro, is being appointed to a two year term. Mr. Kyle earned a bachelor degree from Kutztown University, a master degree from Temple University and a doctorate from University of New Mexico. He currently is a Professor of History and Religion at Tabor College.

### **Kansas State Rehabilitation Council**

The Kansas Rehabilitation Council works in partnership with Kansans with disabilities to achieve their goals for employment and independence.

- Angel Shaver, WaKeeney, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Shaver earned a bachelor degree from Mid-America Bible College and a masters of science from Friends University. She is currently a secretary at WaKeeney Church of God and bookkeeper for Hillman Family Trust.

### **Kansas State Fair Board**

The Kansas State Fair Board is a 13 member board appointed by the Governor that acts as the showcase of Kansas agriculture, commerce and industry. It provides education, entertainment and presents a comprehensive format that satisfies the needs and desires of people from all walks of Kansas life.

- Cindy O'Neal, Lawrence, is being appointed to a three year term. Mrs. O'Neal earned a bachelor degree from Washburn University. She is currently the Chief of Staff for the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and is Assistant to Assistant General Manager for the Kansas State Fair.

## **Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response**

The Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response is a twenty-seven member board with representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry. The Commission makes decisions regarding the state preparations for different types of emergencies. By including more experts in the discussions, it will allow for a better planned response by the state. The Governor appoints eighteen members from various state and local agencies: counties, cities, agriculture, transportation, energy, law enforcement, fire fighters, county emergency managers, emergency medical services, business and industry, public works, hospitals, public health, tribes of Kansas, individuals with disabilities, and one representative for the seven regional homeland securities councils.

- Larry Stainbrook, Fontana, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Stainbrook is a self-employed farmer and cattleman. He grows approximately 2400 acres of crops and has around 130 head of cattle.

## **Kansas Board of Barbering**

The mission of the Kansas Board of Barbering is to eliminate all acts performed by barbers which may harm or cause injury to the public; to ensure that only qualified and well-trained barbers and barber instructors are licensed; to ensure that all shops, salons, and barber colleges are properly licensed for operation; and to provide information to barbers concerning all technical, medical, and scientific data which may enhance the protection of the public.

- Matt Hickam, Topeka, is being appointed as the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hickam earned a bachelor degree from the University of Kansas. He currently is the owner and operator of Hickam Public Affairs.
- Heather Earlington, Leawood, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Earlington is a certified barber and cosmetologist as well as having a master educator certificate. She is currently the Director of Education for LaBaron Hairdressing Academy.

## **Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provides advocacy, information and referral, sign language interpreter registration, coordination of interpreting services, and the Kansas Quality Assurance Screening for certification of sign language interpreters. The Board consists of 17 members, 12 of which are appointed by the Governor to serve 3 year terms.

- Catherine Macfee, Topeka, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Macfee earned a bachelor degree from Bathany College and a masters in Deaf Elementary Education from Gallaudet University. She is currently the outreach coordinator for Hamilton Relay.
- Amy Fowler, Lawrence, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Fowler earned a bachelor degree from Wichita State University and a master's degree from Baker University. She serves as the Chair of the Kansas Association of Interpreters-Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.
- Teresa Sturgeon, Olathe, is being reappointed to a three year term. Ms. Sturgeon is certified as a Sign Language Interpreter in Kansas, Missouri, and nationally. She currently serves as a sign language interpreter for Johnson County Community College, Unity Church of Overland Park and unity Village, Olathe Medical Center and Sorenson Communications.

## **Kansas Board of Examiners in Fitting & Dispensing of Hearing Instruments**

The governor appoints five Kansas residents to the Board of Examiners of Hearing Instrument Dispensers. The governor shall appoint three members of such Board who are licensed in this state as hearing instrument fitters and dispensers and shall have been engaged in the actual practice of fitting and dispensing hearing instruments in this state continuously for the last five years, including one audiologist who is also licensed as a hearing instrument fitter and dispenser, one hearing

instrument fitter and dispenser who is not licensed as an audiologist. Two members of the board shall be individuals not currently engaged in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing instruments nor have any current or previous affiliation with a fitter and dispenser of hearing instruments.

- Amy Weatherford, Topeka, is being reappointed to a three year term. Ms. Weatherford earned a bachelor degree from Kansas State University. She currently teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Perry Lecompton.

### **Kansas Board of Regents**

The Kansas Board of Regents is comprised of nine members, each of whom is appointed by the Governor of Kansas. The Kansas Board of Regents pursue measurable continuous improvement in the quality and effectiveness of the public postsecondary educational system in Kansas, while expanding participation for all qualified Kansans.

- Helen Van Etten, Topeka, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Helen is an Audiologist with the Topeka Public School District. She is on the Board of Governors for the Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series and is a member of Heartland Ssertoma Club. She earned her Bachelor of Education in Health Education/Special Education from National Taiwan Normal University; her Masters of Audiology at Wayne State University and her Doctorate of Audiology Program from University of Florida.
- Shane Bangerter, Dodge City, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Shane has practiced law in the state of Kansas for more than 23 years and is a founding partner of Rebein Bangerter Rebein P.A. which has offices in Dodge City and Tampa, Florida. Among the many organizations he is involved with, Bangerter serves as Vice Chair of the Dodge City community College Board of Trustees and the Young Life Start Up Board in Dodge City. He earned his bachelor of science from Oral Roberts University and his juris doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law.
- Ann Brandau-Murguia, Kansas City, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Ann is the Executive Director of the Argentine Neighborhood Development Association in Kansas City, KS. She also serves as 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative on the Kansas City, KS Unified Government Board of Commissioners. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Ottawa University and her Masters of business Administration from Baker University.

### **University of Kansas Hospital Authority**

University of Kansas Hospital Authority is charged with being an independent public authority with the mission of operating a teaching hospital for the benefit of the university of Kansas medical center, providing high quality patient care and providing a site for medical and biomedical research.

- Dr. Daniel Thomas, Leawood, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Dr. Thomas is a board certified periodontist, serving both Kansas and Missouri. He currently serves on the Kansas Board of Regents Oral Health Task Force and is the Director of Kansas Arts Foundation.
- Mark Jorgenson, Kansas City, has been confirmed for reappointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term as a member of the general public with expertise in finance. Mr. Jorgenson is the President and CEO of the Kansas City market for US Bank. He serves on the Board of Directors of Midwest Research Institute, The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, and Kansas Venture Capital, Inc.

### **Kansas Human Rights Commission**

The mission of the Kansas Human Rights Commission is to prevent and eliminate discrimination and assure equal opportunities in all employment relations, to eliminate profiling in conjunction with traffic stops, to eliminate and prevent discrimination, segregation or separation, and assure equal opportunities in all places of public accommodations and in housing. The six member board is appointed by the governor. The Governor's appointments must be confirmed by the Senate.

- David Brant, Wichita, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Mr. Brant was the senior vice president of customer service for Cessna Aircraft.
- Michael Kane, Kansas City, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. He currently does Public Affairs for the Construction and General Laborers Local Union 1290 AFL-CIO.
- Eric Laverentz, Overland Park, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. He is currently the Senior Pastor at The Presbyterian Church of Stanley.

### **Kansas Lottery Commission**

The Kansas Lottery Commission holds monthly meetings at lottery headquarters in Topeka. The five commissioners are appointed by the governor to serve alternating four-year terms. The commission consults with and advises the Executive Director in establishing policy, approving major contracts, rules and regulations for lottery games and promotions, and approving the annual budget. The Kansas Senate has confirmed the Governor's appointment.

- James Washington, Basehor, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. He currently works for Northrup Grumman Technical Services. James is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Kansas Army National Guard.
- Thomas Roberts, Kansas City, has been confirmed for reappointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Thomas is a retired clerk of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. He has also served the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Service.

### **Kansas State Banking Board**

The nine member Kansas Banking Board is appointed by the Governor. The board serves in an advisory capacity to the office and is comprised of six banker members (with a minimum of five years of state banking experience), and three public interest members. Four banker members represent each of the state's four congressional districts. The other two banker members represent the state at large. The board has responsibility for the approval of new charters and branches as well as other activities. The Kansas Senate has confirmed the Governor's appointments to the board. Dan Conyers, M.S., R.R.T., R.C.P., Kansas City, is being reappointed to a three year term to represent respiratory therapists. He graduated from the Respiratory Therapy Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1977 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Kansas. He is a Registered Respiratory Therapist with the National Board for Respiratory Care, and an Instructor of Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support with the American Heart Association.

- Kurt Knutson, Overland Park, has been confirmed for reappointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a three year term. Mr. Knutson is currently the Chairman, President and CEO of Freedom Bank, and has worked in the banking industry for over 30 years.

## **Public Employee Relations Board**

The Public Employee Relations Board is charged with preventing and remedying unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Kansas Senate. One member is a representative of public employers; one member is a representative of public employees; three members represent the general public.

- Mark McGivern, Topeka, has been confirmed for reappointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Mr. McGivern currently works at the Kansas Department of Administration as the Director of Facilities and Procurement Management. He is also a licensed attorney and member of the Topeka Bar Association and Kansas Bar Association.

## **Kansas Court of Tax Appeals**

The Court of Tax Appeals is an administrative court within the executive branch of state government and is the highest administrative tribunal for matters involving state and local taxation. Our mission is to resolve disputes between taxpayers and taxing authorities promptly and impartially and to help maintain public confidence in the state and local tax system.

- Arlen Siegfried, Olathe, has been confirmed for appointment by the Kansas Senate to serve a four year term. Mr. Siegfried has been a Kansas State Representative for 11 years, while also working as a realtor.

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