

Kansas Governor Makes Appointments to Commissions and Boards
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Topeka, KS - infoZine - The Governor also announced the following appointments to commissions and boards.

Kansas Athletic Commission

The Kansas Athletic Commission administers laws and regulations governing regulated sports and wrestling. The five Athletic Commission Members are appointed by the Governor to four year terms.

Dr. Mark Balderston, Kansas City, received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College in 1978. Dr. Balderson has been a member of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners since 1978, the Kansas Healing Arts Board since 1988, and the Kansas Athletic Commission since 2006.

Board of Adult Care Home Administrators

The Kansas Board of Adult Care Home Administrators is composed of seven members, appointed by the governor. The Board's objective is to protect the public through the regulation of Adult Care Home Administrators. Through its program, the Board examines persons seeking to be licensed as Adult Care Home Administrators; establishes standards for the practice of adult care home administration; and requires adherence to those standards.

K.J. Langlais, Lawrence, is the CEO of Evergreen Living Innovations. She has been a licensed administrator and manager in long-term care since 1982. In addition, Ms. Langlais serves on the Board of Directors for Kansas Adult Care Executives and the Kansas Health Occupations and Credentialing Advisory Council.

Dr. Kevin Bryant, Wichita, works at Wesley Medical Center and Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita. Since earning his medical degree from Loma Linda School of Medicine in California, Dr. Bryant had received certification in Family Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Long-Term Care Facilities, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and in Pain Management. He also serves on the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators.

Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma

The Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma (ACT) advises the Secretary of Health and Environment on the development and implementation of a statewide trauma system. The ACT is composed of 24 members including representation from physician organizations, the Kansas Hospital Association, the State Nurse Association, and EMS organizations. Members of the committee have significant expertise and commitment to EMS and Trauma Care and represent both urban and rural interests.

Carol Perry, Topeka, is the vice-president of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer of Stormont-Vail Healthcare. Perry is a 1983 graduate of Washburn University, where she received her Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing degree. She has been with Stormont Vail since 1980.

Dr. Jacob Breeding, Salina, is a trauma surgeon and the Trauma Medical Director for Salina Regional Health Center, a post he has held since September, 2010. Dr. Breeding earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas in 2001, and completed his residency at University of Kansas SOM-Wichita.

Kansas Children's Cabinet

The 1999 Legislative session created the Kansas Children's Cabinet to oversee the expenditures from the Master Tobacco Settlement. Five voting members are appointed by the Governor and four are appointed by legislative leadership.

Dr. Mary Cohen, Leawood, received her Doctorate of Education from the University of Kansas in 1977. She is an experienced teacher and school administrator, with more than 40 years spent in education. In addition, Dr. Cohen has served on the Board of Visitors for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, as well serving as former U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige's regional representative for Region VII, which includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Kansas Advisory Council on Aging

The Advisory Council on Aging is a statutorily created body, representing different geographical, social and ethnic groups, with at least half of membership being 60 years of age or older. The Council meets at least twice a year to provide advocacy for the aging in the affairs of the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA), the Governor's office, and other public and private, state and local agencies affecting aging issues. They also serve as the advisory committee as required by the federal Older Americans Act, and have the duty to review and comment upon various activities of KDOA.

Frank Laubhan, Pratt, is an experienced business owner and has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1976. He earned a degree in Accounting from Kansas State University. In addition to serving as mayor of Pratt for two years, Laubhan also has served on the boards of the Pratt Community College Foundation, the Pratt Chamber of Commerce, and the SW Kansas Agency on Aging.

Kansas Film Services Commission

The Kansas Film Services Commission promotes the state of Kansas as a film location to the film, television and video industry. The commission serves as a liaison between local, state and federal agencies as well as private individuals. Other services include location scouting, pre-production assistance and problem solving during production.

Randall Duncan, Brookville, graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Political Science and Business in 1981. Duncan has served on the Saline County Commission for two terms, elected in 2006 and 2010. In addition to serving on Board of the the Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts, he is also a member of the Salina Rotary Club, the Ambucs, and the Ell-Saline Lions Club.

Kansas Animal Health Board

The Kansas Animal Health Board was created to serve as an advisory and policy making board

to the Livestock Commissioner. The board's mission is to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of Kansas' citizens through prevention, control and eradication of infectious and contagious disease and conditions affecting the health of livestock and domestic animals in the State of Kansas. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

Heather Donley, Ellsworth, is currently the Director of Quality Assurance at Innovative Livestock Services/Beef Marketing Group. Donely is a graduate of South Dakota State University where she earned her Bachelor of Animal Science degree and Kansas State University where she earned her Masters of Science in Ruminant Nutrition.

Lonnie Busch, Leoti, is currently a Feedlot General Manager for Cargill Cattle Feeders. For the past eight years, Busch has managed a capacity of 100,000 head at a feedyard in Leoti, Kansas. Busch is a graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority is a 12 member board, three of which are appointed by the Governor. The authority makes recommendations to the Kansas Board of Regents concerning state-wide planning for postsecondary technical education as well as new and existing programs.

David Coleal, Wichita, is currently the Vice President and General Manager of Bombardier Learjet. Coleal, with his extensive management experience, has the ability to understand market conditions and develop strategic initiatives and execute detailed implementation plans to maximize value. He is a graduate of CSU Sacramento with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and CSU Hayward with an MBA in Management Science.

Kansas Midwestern Higher Education Commission

The Kansas Midwestern Higher Education Commission was created by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. The purpose of the Compact is to provide greater higher education opportunities and services in the Midwestern region, with the aim of furthering regional access to, research in and choice of higher education for the citizens residing in the several states which are parties to this Compact. The Commission consists of five resident members of each state.

Dick Short, Goodland, is the president of Short & Son, Inc., a family trucking business and president of Century Feeders, Inc., a 10,000 cattle feedlot. Short served more than 25 years on the USD 352 Goodland Board of Education including three stints as the board president. Short is a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission

The Kansas state employees' health care commission designates by rules and regulations those who are qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, including active and retired public officers and employees and their dependents as defined by the rules and regulations of the commission. The commission is composed of five members, three of which are appointed by the Governor.

J. Scott Day, Ozawie, is the co-owner of Day Insurance Solutions, LLC, in Topeka. Day is

an experienced counselor, serving USD 339 in Winchester, Kansas as a Secondary School Counselor and at USD 501 in Topeka as a Vocational/Technical Counselor. He earned his Associate of Arts degree at Butler County Community College prior to attaining both a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Science in School Counseling from Emporia State University.

Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council

The federal government mandates that all states have a mental health services planning and advisory council. The Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council (GMHSPC) fulfills that mandate for Kansas. The GMHSPC is actively involved in planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and advising state government regarding Kansas' mental health services.

Rhonda Moreland, Lebo, has more than a decade of experience as an LPN. Moreland is a graduate of Emporia State University, with a degree in case management.