

Missouri Governor Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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Corrections Officer Certification Commission, Dam and Reservoir Safety Council, Hazardous Waste Management Commission, Missouri Community Service Commission, Missouri Genetic Disease Advisory Committee, Missouri Workforce Investment Board, State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services and State Interagency Coordinating Council

Jefferson City, Mo - infoZine - Gov. Jay Nixon announced his appointments to eight boards and commissions. Except for the appointment to the State Interagency Coordinating Council, the appointees will be subject to confirmation by the Missouri Senate. The appointees, along with their boards and hometowns, are:

Corrections Officer Certification Commission

The Governor has appointed Kevin A. Barker, of Linn, to the Corrections Officer Certification Commission. The commission makes recommendations regarding qualifications, training, testing and certification so that correctional administrators can attract and retain qualified personnel and further the profession of corrections.

Barker is a corrections officer at Algoa Correctional Center in Jefferson City and has been with the department since 1996. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. The Governor has appointed Barker for a term ending Oct. 30, 2010.

Dam and Reservoir Safety Council

The Governor has appointed Patrice E. Boehler (D), of Glencoe; Daniel G. Buxton (D), of Farmington; and Kyle W. Drury (R), of Festus, to the Dam and Reservoir Safety Council. The council enforces the provisions of the Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Law and its rules and regulations to protect public safety, life and property.

Since 1998, Boehler has served as vice president of development for Westmore Group Inc., a provider of commercial real estate services. She also is president of Natural Resource Consultants Inc. and has worked on dam safety issues in that position for 19 years. The Governor has appointed her for a term ending April 3, 2011.

Buxton is a project manager/engineer for The Doe Run Co. and has been with the company since 1974. In his current position, he manages construction projects at plant sites, regularly inspects 11 Doe Run-owned regulated dams, and manages repairs and construction of the company's dams and spillways. The Governor has appointed Buxton for a term ending April 3, 2011.

Drury is senior design engineer at Bloomsdale Excavating Co. and has been with the company since 2004. He previously was a project engineer with Holcim (US) Inc. and an aviation engineer with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly Consulting Engineers. The Governor has appointed Drury for a term ending April 3, 2010.

Hazardous Waste Management Commission

The Governor has appointed Charles E. (Eddie) Adams Jr. (D), of Senath; and Michael R. Foresman (R), of St. Louis, to the Hazardous Waste Commission. The commission establishes regulations for the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste. The commission also hears appeals of decisions made by the Department of Natural Resources and rules on requests for variances from hazardous waste management regulations.

Adams is general manager of Adams Fertilizer Inc. in Senath. He has been with the business since 1985. Adams also was an agricultural pilot for Senath Aviation from 1984 to 2006. The Governor has appointed him for a term ending April 3, 2012.

Foresman serves as a part-time consultant for several environmental consulting firms. He retired in 2001 as president of Solutia Management Co. Inc., a remediation liability management subsidiary of Solutia Inc. The Governor has appointed Foresman for a term ending April 3, 2013.

Missouri Community Service Commission

The Governor has re-appointed Cynthia L. Heislen (D), of Jefferson City, to the Missouri Community Service Commission. The mission of the Missouri Community Service Commission is to build stronger communities by fostering an ethic of service in all Missourians through empowering communities and citizens from all walks of life to address educational, public safety, human and environmental needs through volunteer service programs.

Heislen is director of community education for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Division of Career Education, and has served in other positions with the department since 1990. The Governor has re-appointed Heislen for a term ending Dec. 12, 2012.

Missouri Genetic Disease Advisory Committee

The Governor has appointed Larry D. Evert, of Jefferson City; and re-appointed John J. Puetz, of Wildwood, to the Missouri Genetic Disease Advisory Committee. The committee advises the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in all genetic programs including metabolic disease screening programs, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis programs.

Evert is the retired assistant director of the State Public Health Laboratory, a position he held from 1971 to 2005. The Governor has appointed Evert for a term ending April 9, 2011.

Dr. Puetz is a clinical associate professor of pediatrics at Saint Louis University and house pediatrician at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. He is chair of the Hemophilia Standing Committee of the DHSS Bureau of Genetics and Disabilities Prevention. The Governor has re-appointed him for a term ending April 8, 2010.

Missouri Workforce Investment Board

The Governor has appointed Keith A. Gary, of Pleasant Hill, to the Missouri Workforce Investment Board. The board serves as an advisory council to the Governor and the Division of Workforce Development on employment and training needs of Missouri businesses.

Dr. Gary is director of program development for the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute Inc. He previously served as an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut in the departments of pharmacology and psychiatry, and as a research assistant professor in psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School. The Governor has appointed him for a term ending March 3, 2013.

State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services

The Governor has re-appointed Joan S. Eberhardt, of Creve Coeur; and appointed Helen J. Sandkuhl, of St. Louis, to the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. The council makes recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services on policies, plans, procedures, and proposed regulations regarding how to improve the statewide emergency medical services system.

Eberhardt is chief nurse for Missouri-1 DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) and also is clinical educator for the trauma services department at Saint Louis University Hospital. Eberhardt has been active in the regional, state and national emergency nurses associations. The Governor has re-appointed her for a term ending Jan. 5, 2012.

Sandkuhl has served as director of nursing, emergency services at Saint Louis University Hospital since 2001. An emergency nurse for more than 35 years, she currently is president of the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association. The Governor has appointed her for a term ending

Jan. 5, 2012.

State Interagency Coordinating Council

The Governor has appointed Donna J. Cash, of Eldon, to the State Interagency Coordinating Council. The mission of the council is to advise and assist the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in serving infants and toddlers birth to age three, who have developmental delays and disabilities, in providing an appropriate family-centered, comprehensive service delivery system which promotes optimal child development and family functioning.

Cash is the state Homeless and Even Start coordinator for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and has been with the department since 1994. Cash has been appointed for a term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

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