

529 Advisory Committee

Raquel Meyer Alexander, CPA, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at the University of Kansas with her research focusing on higher education savings programs and financial literacy. Alexander is a native of Leavenworth, Kansas and currently resides in Lawrence with her husband and three children.

Michael Braude, Mission Woods, has been a Director of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company since 2006. From 1984 to 2000, he was President and CEO of the Kansas City Board of Trade. Mr. Braude also serves as a director of the Kansas City Board of Trade, Midwest Trust Co., Midwest Grain Products, Inc., and Hodgson Company. He is a past chairman of the National Grain Trade Council. He is a trustee of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Fund, and a trustee of Midwest Research Institute.

Mollie Carter, Salina, is the CEO of Sunflower Bank. She earned a BA Economics from Dartmouth College in 1984 and an MBA, from the Harvard Business School in 1988. She also is a member of board of Archer Daniels Midland; member of the executive committee of Kansas Chamber of Commerce; member of the board of directors for the Greater Salina Community Foundation and member of the board of Westar Energy.

Anderson Chandler, Topeka, is the Chairman & President of Fidelity State Bank & Trust Company and has owned the bank since 1958. Anderson has served as president of many community organizations. To name a few: The Kansas Bankers Association, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Greater Topeka, Downtown Topeka, Inc. and YMCA of Topeka. He was president of the Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of Topeka, North Central Region Boy Scouts of America and is currently a member of the National Board of Directors of Boy Scouts of America. He is the first Kansan to receive the top three scout volunteer awards. Anderson is a strong supporter of his alma mater, The University of Kansas, where he currently serves on the KU Business School Advisors Executive Committee. He is a strong supporter of Washburn University of Topeka and in 2008 received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Commerce.

Jill Docking, Wichita, serves as Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents. She has served as the Board's Vice Chair, as the Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee, and as a member of CEO Assessment Committee. In 1999, Docking founded the Financial Fitness Foundation and currently serves as President. In 1993, Docking became the first woman to receive a gubernatorial appointment to serve as Commanding General of the Kansas Cavalry, a statewide business organization. She has co-chaired Kansas, Inc., the Kansas Justice Commission, and the Kansas Children's Campaign.

Nancy Goodall, Topeka, Nancy Goodall, J.D., LL.M., CTFA, is a Senior Vice President and Trust Officer with CoreFirst Bank & Trust. She is also an attorney and frequent lecturer in the areas of estate planning, investments, trusts, probate and taxes. She received her undergraduate training at the University of Miami (B.M.) and her law degrees from Washburn University (J.D.) and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (LL.M.), the latter with an emphasis in tax law. She holds full-service brokerage licenses (Series 7 and Series 66), and is a licensed agent in the areas of life, variable contract, health, and accident insurance. She is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking, Madison, WI. She served as a research attorney for retired Chief Justice McFarland at the Kansas Supreme Court before practicing with Fisher, Patterson, Sayler and Smith law firm. She joined CoreFirst Bank & Trust in 2005 after spending almost twenty years in the trust banking area.

Suchitra Padmanabhan, Topeka, is a member on the Kansas Development Finance Authority and General Partner at BC Capital. Previously she worked for Security Benefit, Bankers Trust and Lehman Brothers. She holds an MBA in Analytic Finance from the University of Chicago and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Gary Sheerer, Overland Park, serves as the Vice Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents. He has served as the Chair of the Board's Academic Affairs Committee and as the Chair of the State University Admissions Task Force. Sheerer is also serving as chair of the Midwest Cancer Alliance Advisory Board. Sherrer previously served as Kansas' 45th Lieutenant Governor. He was appointed Lieutenant Governor in 1996, the first individual in the state's history to be appointed to the position, was subsequently elected in 1998, and served until 2003. Sherrer is the longest-serving Lieutenant Governor in Kansas history.

Ruth Teichman, Stafford, is a member the Kansas Senate, representing the 33rd District since 2001. She was previously a member of the Stafford Board of Education for 20 years. Teichman serves as the Chair of the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Jeff Wagaman, Topeka, former Assistant State Treasurer of Kansas. Wagaman's public service career spans over 17 years. He is a graduate of Washburn University and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas. He is currently the chief professional officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka.

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