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Jackson County Executive

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**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
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**FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: MAY 15, 2025

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND

I hereby appoint the following members to the Children's Services Fund:


Daniel Nelson is appointed as a District 1 member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the completion of Ms. Jovanna Rohs' term, with a new term set to expire March 31, 2026. Mr. Nelson's resume is attached.

Ralph Teran is appointed as a District 1 member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Ann Mesle, with a new term set to expire March 31, 2028. Mr. Teran's resume is attached.

Judy Morgan is reappointed as a District 1 member, with a term set to expire March 31, 2028. Ms. Morgan's resume is attached.

Jessica Ramirez is reappointed as a District 5 member, with a term set to expire March 31, 2028. Ms. Ramirez' resume is attached.

5/16/2025
Date


Frank White, Jr., County Executive



Daniel M. Nelson

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EXPERIENCE

OF COUNSEL, SPENCER FANE LLP, KANSAS CITY, MO Jan. 2022-Present
Trial attorney focused on business litigation and complex internal investigations including for the Economic Development Corporation of KC; the University of Missouri system; Independence, MO; private businesses; and regional hospital systems.

CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, JACKSON CO., MO 2016-2021
Top manager for an office of 72 attorneys and 152 employees who litigate over 4000 cases per year. 2020 President's Award, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Tried cases to juries, made charging decisions, conducted investigations. Co-First chair, *State v. Thu Hong Nguyen*, an arson-for-profit resulting in deaths of firefighters. Lead prosecutor, Brookside lawyer murder; Indian Creek Trail serial killer. Led Kevin Strickland exoneration investigation.

ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, WESTERN MO 2004-2016
Tried nine cases to juries, plus five Eighth Circuit arguments. Focused on fraud, corruption, money laundering, and computer crimes with FBI, SEC, CFTC, and IRS-CI. Extensive experience with cyber and forensic accounting evidence. Served US Attorneys John Wood and Beth Phillips as the Executive AUSA, a top manager, for 68 attorneys and 128 employees. Securities Fraud Coordinator; DOJ Securities Fraud Working Group; Chief Elections Officer.

- In *U.S. v. Poynter*, first chair, convicted all 15 defendants in a \$96M tax case, including 2 following a 6-day jury trial. The IRS called it the largest false claims case in MO history.
- In *U.S. v. Hawkins*, first chair, convicted all 14 defendants in Petro America investment scheme, which had the most victims in WDMO history. Five were convicted following a 5-week trial with 65 witnesses. The top 3 were sentenced to 30, 18 and 18 years.
- In *U.S. v. Wavinya*, first chair, prosecuted a ring of 17 defendants who filed \$15M in tax returns using stolen identities of hospital patients. The top defendant received 14 years.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP, Washington D.C. 2002-2004
Litigation Associate. Securities, complex civil litigation, government affairs, appellate. Represented Morgan Stanley, British Petroleum, Barr Laboratories, AOL, Siemens.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, England 1999
Legislative Intern for a Member of Parliament. Drafted research memos, questions for the Prime Minister, press releases, speeches; took diplomatic trips to Greece and Turkey.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAW SCHOOL, J.D. 2002
Voted the Emerson Award for high character by class. Elected Chief Justice of Moot Court. Graduate of trial clinic taught by Judge Herbert Stern, Ted Olson and David Boies.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI JOURNALISM SCHOOL, B.J., magna cum laude 1999
Kappa Tau Alpha - Top 10% of Journalism School class.
MU Alumni Association True Son Award, presented to one senior male and one female.

HONORS

2020 President's Award, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
2019 top national Trial Award from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
2014 Lon Hocker Award for trial excellence, selected by a panel of state and federal judges
Adjunct Prof., UMKC Law School, 2010 - present. Federal Trial Practice, Prosecution Clinic
Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Justice, 2017 to present
Past President of *Child Protection Center* and *Impact KC* giving circle

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

KANSAS CITY KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Kansas City, Kansas 2021 - 2022
Interim Chief of Operations and Finance

RAY AND ASSOCIATES - Executive Leadership Searches 2017 - 2020
Regional Associate with superintendent searches. Recent searches conducted in Lawrence, Shawnee Mission, Pittsburg, Kansas City, and Geary County Schools (Kansas)

GUADALUPE CENTERS CHARTER SCHOOLS - Kansas City Missouri 2017
Served as Interim Superintendent from August - November 2017

BAKER UNIVERSITY - Baldwin City, Kansas 2016 - 2017
Direct Field Supervisor

- Assist and supervise doctoral candidates in direct field experiences to prepare them for school district leadership.

GRANDVIEW C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT – Grandview, Missouri 2006 - 2016
Superintendent

- Responsible for providing leadership and vision to all departments and school programs.
- Responsible for oversight of District Budget of \$55 million (enrollment of 4,200 students).
- Oversight of three successful Facilities Bond Issues (2007, 2011, 2013).

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Wichita, Kansas 1975 - 2006
Assistant Superintendent 2001-2006

- Responsible for providing leadership and vision to all high school programs,
- Oversight of High School Budget of \$42 million (high school enrollment, 13,600 students).
- Responsible for Secondary Career and Technical Programs, \$6.2 million budget.
- Supervision of Athletics; District-wide Truancy/Attendance; Learning Centers; Expulsions Office; Gateway Alternative Program; Secondary Career and Technical Programs.
- Coordinated and facilitated Hispanic Advisory Council.
- District Liaison to Sedgwick County Interventions/Prevention Programs.

Division Director, Secondary Schools 1998–2001

- Responsible for providing leadership and vision to all middle and high school programs.
- Assisted with passage of district's \$284.5 million bond issue.

Building Administration 1983-1998

Principal, Wichita High School North	1990 - 1998
Principal, Marshall Middle School	1987 - 1990
Principal, Price Elementary School	1985 - 1987

Assistant Principal, Marshall & Junior High 1984 - 1985

Assistant Principal, Roosevelt Junior High 1983 - 1984

Speech/Language Clinician 1977-1983

Ingalls Elementary, Harris Elementary, Robinson Jr. High, Coleman Jr. High

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EDUCATION

May 1997 Doctor of Education Wichita State University (WSU), Wichita, Kansas
Dissertation: *Strategic Planning in a Large Urban School District*
(Received Dissertation of the Year Award by the International Society for Educational Planning - 1997)

May 1977 Master of Education WSU

May 1975 Bachelor of Arts WSU

Areas of Certification (Missouri & Kansas)

District Level Administration/Superintendent K-12

Building Level Administration/Principal K-12

Social Studies, Comprehensive 5-9

Speech Pathologist K-12

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

2015 - 2016 Member, MASA Mentoring Committee

2015 - 2016 Member, MASA Accreditation & Assessment Task Force

2012 - 2015 Member, DESE Commissioner Superintendent Advisory Council

2013 - 2014 President, Greater Kansas City Suburban Association Schools Athletic Conference (also 2009-10)

2009 - 2010 Co-Facilitator, Missouri Race to the Top Team, Turn Around Schools

2006 - 2010 Member, Avila University College of Education Advisory Council

2007 - 2010 Member, Membership Committee, Missouri Association of School Administrators

2004 - 2006 Trainer of Trainers, NASSP Breaking Ranks II Kansas Team

2004 - 2006 Liaison, Kansas State Department of Education Leadership Development

1999 - 2006 Liaison, Courts/JJA/SRS/Education Liaison Committee

1999 - 2006 Board of Directors, Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board

1997 - 2000 Kansas State Department of Education Quality Performance Accreditation Steering Committee

1987 - 1988 President, Phi Delta Kappa, Wichita State University Chapter

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

2016 - Elder Board, Jacob's Well Church, Kansas City, Missouri

2006 - 2017 Rotary Club of South Kansas City, Missouri

2007 - 2013 Board of Directors, Belton Research Hospital Foundation

2003 - 2006 Board of Directors, American Red Cross Midway Chapter

2003 - 2006 Trustee, Leadership Wichita, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (continued)

2004 - 2006 District Representative, Wichita Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
2003 - 2006 Advisory Board, Wichita Habitat for Humanity
2001 - 2006 Leadership Team, Church of the Savior
1997 - 2001 Wichita's Promise Steering Committee
1989 - 1993 Board of Directors, National Conference for Compassion and Justice
1993 - 1994 Board of Directors, Wichita Children's Home

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of School Administrators (AASA)
Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA)
Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA)

RECOGNITIONS

2009 New Superintendent of Schools Award - Greater Kansas City MASA District
2009 Missouri PTA Distinguished Service Award

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Judy Morgan
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SKILLS

- Extensive experience with administrator/employee relations.
- Adept at working with others on committees.
- Excellent communication and listening skills.
- Proficient writing skills.
- Solid ability to research and analyze information.
- Vast experience with work-related policies and procedures.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Missouri State Representative, 24th District – 2012-2020

201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101

- Researched legislation and policies in order to vote responsibly on various bills.
- Advocated for constituent issues and progressive causes in House floor debate.
- Organized Town Hall meetings to talk about legislative issues and listen to constituent concerns.
- Assisted constituents with various individual needs such as gaining unemployment benefits or signing up for Medicaid.
- Met with individuals, groups, and elected officials to gain knowledge about their respective viewpoints.
- Communicated weekly with constituents during the legislative session via an electronic newsletter.

President, American Federation of Teachers, Local 691 – 1999-2009

300 East 39th Street, KCMO 64111

- Led yearly contract negotiations for five employee groups – teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, security officers, and professional/technical employees.
- Resolved work-related grievances between employees and administrators.
- Communicated with employees through monthly newsletters and by attending building meetings at their respective schools and work locations.
- Spearheaded training sessions on the employee contracts.
- Lobbied at the Capitol in Jefferson City for the educational needs of teachers, school employees, and students.

- Collaborated on various district-employee committees, such as Insurance, Code of Student Conduct, and Professional Development.

Teacher and Counselor, Kansas City Public Schools – 1970-1999

2901 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109

Central High School – 1970-1978

Lincoln College Preparatory Academy (1978-1984)

Northeast High School – 1984-1999

- Instructed high school core and elective subjects, such as Civics and Psychology.
- Developed and taught a new course in the Social Studies Curriculum – Crime and Delinquency.
- Provided guidance and counseling to students on an individual basis and in group settings.
- Assisted students in high school course selection, career planning, and post-graduate plans.
- Served the students in various extracurricular activities including:
 - ✓ Class sponsor (organized fundraisers, dances, and graduation);
 - ✓ Student Government sponsor (helped students to gain civic responsibility and leadership skills and manage activities, policies and programs for the student body);
 - ✓ Student Mediation Program co-sponsor (established a student-to-student conflict resolution program; and
 - ✓ HISTEP co-sponsor (worked with high school students to develop and deliver an anti-drug educational program to elementary school students).

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling

University of Missouri at Kansas City – 1978

Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education

University of Missouri at Kansas City – 1970

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Board Member

- Women in Politics – 2021-present
- Missouri Alliance for Retired Americans – 2021-present
- American Federation of Teachers, Local 691, Retiree Chapter – 2021-present
- Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus – 2008-2012 and 2016-2020

Committeewoman

Jackson County Democratic Committee, 4th Ward – 2008-2011

Treasurer

Jackson County4Kids - 2022-present

JESSICA R. RAMIREZ

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

Senior professional with over 20 years of non-profit experience in fundraising, capital campaigns, special event planning, strategic planning, marketing/communications and grant writing. Success in executing individual and major gift solicitations with strong skill sets in donor cultivation and stewardship. Exceptional board development and support. Solid organizational traits collaborated with excellent time management to handle multiple tasks. Excellent communications and inter-personal skills. Thrive in a fast-paced work environment.

EMPLOYMENT:

Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, Missouri, September 2016-present

Executive Director at MCC Foundation. Serves as the College's chief development officer. Manage, develop, staff, organize and execute fundraising efforts including capital campaigns. Work across the MCC system and externally build support for fundraising to build a culture of philanthropy. Work with Chancellor and Executive Cabinet Leadership to identify priorities and secure funding. Provide leadership and vision for the College's development strategies; manage the college's fundraising goals, including alumni engagement. Responsible for providing vision, leadership, strategic direction and day-to-day management of the MCC Foundation staff working closely with the Board of Directors. Increase brand awareness and positive image through public relations, communications, local, regional and national media and networking.

Saint Luke's Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri, January 2011-September 2016

Senior Development Director at Saint Luke's East Hospital. In charge of all fundraising activities for the hospital campus. Annual development of: fundraising plan, major gift solicitation, prospects, naming opportunities and special event logistics. Contact with donor and grateful patients during hospital experiences. Transcended and delivered the largest net-driven special event in the Saint Luke's Health System for Saint Luke's East Hospital. Delivered the first donor stewardship hospital program. Completed and directed the first donor naming opportunities. Presentations to hospital board of director members, hospital executives and system leadership, medical staff and hospital managers. Prepared and participated with the CEO of SLEH in solicitation calls and donor stewardship. Provide direction of marketing and communication materials regarding charitable giving and philanthropic efforts (e.g. annual report, quarterly CEO Insider Letters). Manage donor encounters in donor software (Raisers Edge). Supervise staff, interns and volunteers. Hospital representation on community boards of directors. Annual fundraising proceeds of \$500,000.

Development Director at Cabot Westside Medical and Dental Center. Developed and implemented fundraising plan for a safety-net clinic (Cabot Westside Medical and Dental Center) for a predominately Spanish-speaking uninsured population with emphasis on grant writing and reporting; corporate and individual gift solicitations; and special events. Planned and implemented all direct fundraising appeals. Created and executed two annual special events targeting corporate and individual giving with current and past board member involvement. Developed and created college intern program with a partnership at a local university. Supervise staff and interns. Annual fundraising proceeds of \$500,000.

Firsthand experiences with medical and dental providers; clinic and hospital leadership; and a 12-member board of directors in creating and sustaining programs. Managed and supervised a team of staff and interns on daily projects. Supervised and managed capital campaign. Facilitated clinic tours with prospective donors. Communicated and worked closely with accountants on the management of grant funds and donations. Created and expanded annual report to donors.

Metropolitan Community College Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri, 2008- 2011

Community Relations & Fundraising Manager. Managed and created all scholarships and endowments for the five campuses. Supervised and managed the Henry Block Scholarship Program and annual events. Worked and communicated with donors and foundation representatives. Administered annual scholarship booklet and led the initiative for on-line reviewing. Managed and improved community visibility of the five campuses through special events by assisting with the development of the Five Star Gala. Supervised and worked directly with campus leadership and artists with all gallery opening receptions at the Penn Valley Campus. Attended and publicized all donor receptions and special recognitions. Planned and executed two annual donor recognition events.

Supervised and maintained Foundation website with information, news articles and photos. Directed and facilitated Vision Legacy Committee comprised of high profile alums through planned giving. Assisted and communicated the selling of tax credits for a \$12 million capital campaign. Coordinated and managed annual appeal. Supervised and managed annual donor phone-a-thon event with student volunteers and staff. Lead and managed staff meetings. Maintained and kept current the Donor Edge profile. Created and worked directly with campus leadership to develop the first nursing alum event. Worked and communicated directly with campus presidents and administration in creating and sustaining programs. Created and delivered new graduation certificates for graduation ceremonies. Developed and resurrected the Foundation Newsletter. Developed and implemented donor profiles on all scholarship and endowment funds.

Project AIM, Raytown, Missouri, 1998-2006

Executive Director, formerly Community Outreach Coordinator; Associate Director and Interim Executive Director. Supervised and managed staff, volunteers and interns. Developed and facilitated workshops. Attended national conferences and facilitated workshops. Led exhibits at local and national conferences. Supervised and managed 40+ youth and community members at national conferences. Managed and supervised all fundraising efforts. Supervised and lead a national service day weekend for three consecutive years with recognition as largest service site. Successfully managed and led the agency through personnel litigation.

Turned around a failing organization by increasing revenues by 20% through the implementation of client-fee based revenue. Developed and implemented agency policies and procedures. Worked with agency leadership and board members and managed the filing process of not-profit status.

EDUCATION:

- **Fundraising Certificate Classes**, Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership, Department of Public Affairs in the Bloch School of Business and Public Administration at UMKC, January 2009
- **Master of Arts in Management and Leadership**, May 2007
Webster University, Kansas City, Missouri
- **Bachelor of Social Work**, 1999
Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri
- **Associate in Arts Degree**, 1996
Longview Community College, Lee's Summit, Missouri

AWARDS & HONORS:

- **"Up and Coming"** Award presented by Project Equality, November 2005
- Nominated as one of **Kansas City's Up & Coming 25 Hispanics** by Dos Mundos Bilingual Newspaper, July 2005
- **Champion of Youth** Award presented by the Youth Recognition Board, February 2000

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Board member of **Kansas City Healthy Kids**, December 2016-present
- Appointed to the **University of Central Missouri Alumni Board of Directors**, May 2011-present
- Foster Parent at **KC Pet Project**, November 2016-present