



FRANK WHITE, JR.
Jackson County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-05

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**

**FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: March 1, 2019

**RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE JACKSON COUNTY FREEDOM MEMORIAL
WALL COMMISSION**

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MARY JO SPINO
COUNTY CLERK

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Pursuant to chapter 95 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby make the following appointments to the Jackson County Freedom Memorial Wall Commission:

Leon Dixon, Jr. is appointed for a term to expire September 21, 2021.

Gayle Hill-Suber is appointed for a term to expire September 21, 2021.

A copy of the resumes of Mr. Dixon and Ms. Hill-Suber are attached.



Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Date: 3/1/19



LEON DIXON, JR.



Leon Dixon, Jr. was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a graduate of Lincoln High School. He holds a Bachelor's and a Master's of Science degree in mathematics from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. Dixon is a founding member of the Kansas City chapters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Black United Front. He is a cofounder and chairman of the board of directors of the W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center. This Center has operated with a volunteer staff since 1973, and offers mentoring and tutoring services to area young people in enrichment and remediation. Dixon is retired from the Allied Signal FM&T Corporation (formally the Bendix and now Honeywell Corporation) where he was a mathematician and computational scientist for thirty-two years. He is the author of the book *Future In Our Hands*, which is a discourse on the DuBois Learning Center. Dixon was appointed to the Library Board in 2008.

Resume and Personal Profile

Gayle Hill-Suber

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I consider education to be the key to our future and the quintessence of our progress.

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To apply my creativity, dedication, enthusiasm, experience and understanding of how children learn to help them succeed in school and adult life. Furthermore to facilitate children developing into independent learners prepared to participate and compete in the twenty-first century

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2011- Present **Retired**

2010-2011 **Special Needs Teacher**

Kansas City, Missouri School District

Student's academic, mental and social skills improved as I taught elementary Mentally Handicapped children.

2008-2010 **Achievement First Coordinator, Westport High School**

Kansas City, Missouri School District

Leadership, organizational skills, self motivation, enthusiasm, interpersonal skills and training experience allowed me to carry out the requirements of this essential position. Achievement First is our District's initiative committed to preparing students for post-secondary education and high quality careers. My responsibility was to assist teachers in the development of our Small Learning Communities and the development and implementation of Family Advocacy and Advisement. Also, it was my task to train and coach teachers to apply differentiated instructional strategies to actively engage students in the learning process and use differentiated assessment.

1984 – 2008 **Special Education and Regular Education Teacher**

Kansas City, Missouri School District

While instructing middle school special needs students in specialized courses in reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science I experienced many rewards seeing my students grow in knowledge and understanding of themselves and the world in which they live. The task of teaching called upon the usage of my enthusiasm, initiative, and interpersonal skills. I was inducted into the Michael Jordan Education Club in 1996 when my regular education sixth grade Language Arts student won an essay contest for the state of Missouri in Michael Jordan's nationwide essay contest. Also, Michael Jordan awarded me a \$2500 grant in 1997 to implement my unique teaching ideas from which many success stories were born. During this time I served as chairman of Professional Development for a total of ten years.

1993 – 1995 **Curriculum Coordinator**

Kansas City, Missouri School District

Self motivation, enthusiasm, organizational skills, and interpersonal skills allowed me to carry out the requirements of this strategic position. I assisted the middle school staff to infuse our magnet theme of communications and writing into their course curriculum. During this time I managed a \$500,000 budget. I reported to the Director of Middle Schools.

1982 – 1981

Bookkeeping Teacher
Benedict Business Institute
Kansas City, Missouri

As head teacher while teaching bookkeeping, enthusiasm and initiative were key elements as I trained adults ages 17-68. Interpersonal skills helped me to keep the staff focused and united.

1981 – 1982

Financial Planner
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States
Overland Park, Kansas

I won four outstanding growth awards as I was one of the top rookies selling life and health insurance. I coordinated and planned my own schedule and procedure.

1979 – 1980

Personal Finance Secretary
Personal Finance Secretary Systems
Kansas City, Missouri

My entrepreneurship began at this time. P.F.S. Systems was a personal finance service for individuals and small businesses. Services included bookkeeping and Real Estate appraisals.

1978 – 1980

Fund Raiser
The Spirit of Freedom Fountain
Kansas City, Missouri

In this critical position, I planned and coordinated special fund raising projects. Interpersonal skills were essential as I was liaison between the community and the Board of Directors. Additionally, I was the bookkeeper for this half million dollar community project.

1975 – 1977

Special Education Teacher
Kansas City, Missouri School District
Kansas City, Missouri

Many success stories were born as I helped to increase the academic, mental, and social skills of the Educable Mentally Retarded children.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- 1998 – 2006 University of Missouri, Kansas City
Post Graduate Courses in Education
- 1995 Avila College, Kansas City, Missouri
Post Graduate Courses in Education
- 1991 Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts
M. Ed. Degree in Education
- 1970-1980 Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri
Post Graduate Courses in Public Relations
and Real Estate Appraisal
- 1973-1976 Avila College, Kansas City, Missouri
Post Graduate Courses in Special Education
- 1973-1975 University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Teacher Corps Teacher Training Project
B.S. Degree in Elementary Education

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Marital Status: Married
Health: Excellent Physical Condition

HOBBIES AND INTEREST

Writing, reading, walking, public speaking, and promoting good health.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member: NAACP
Member: The National Museum of African-American History & Culture
Member: Michael Jordan Education Club
Member: Friends of the Library
Member: Friends of the Zoo
Board Member: Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center & Museum
Board Member: Spirit of Freedom Foundation
Board Member: ArtsAliveKC
Member / Volunteer: United Believers Community Church
Certified Deputy Registrar, Kansas City Election Board
Certified Tourism Ambassador – Kansas City, Missouri

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