

FRANK WHITE, JR. Jackson County Executive

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-2**

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



DATE: February 1, 2024

#### RE: APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE FREEDOM MEMORIAL WALL COMMISSION

Pursuant to chapter 95 of the <u>Jackson County Code</u>, I hereby make the following appointments and reappointments to the Jackson County Freedom Memorial Wall Commission:

Bob Hill is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Gayle Hill-Suber is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Anita L. Russell is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Marquita L Taylor is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Karen Slaughter is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

**Letonia Torrence** is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of **Lisa Pelofsky** for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Ms. Torrence's resume is attached.

**Robert "Bobby" Hernandez** is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of **Ronald E. Finley** for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Mr. Hernandez' resume is attached.



**Damon Daniel** is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of **Vernon P. Howard** for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Mr. Daniel's resume is attached.

**Kevin Woolfolk** is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of **Tyjaun A. Lee** for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Mr. Woolfolk's resume is attached.

**Toi Wilson** is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of **Sharon Sanders Brooks** for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Toi Wilson's resume is attached.

2/1/24

Date

Frank White, Jr., County Executive

# LETONIA TORRENCE

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## **Professional Summary**

An accomplished business professional with a progressive work history working with organizational leaders to establish business goals and develop strategies driving revenue generation and business growth. Excellent track record managing, facilitating and spearheading operational efforts and interpersonal relations. Demonstrates the ability to assess current situations quickly, formulate cohesive improvement plans, and effectively execute them.

## Skills

- PeopleSoft Student & Finance
- Strong Communication Skills
- Leadership & Management
- Critical & Analytical Thinking
- Vendor & Contract Management
- Project Management

- Community Engagement
- Budget Planning & Management
- Higher Education Administration
- Accurate and Detailed
- Team Building
- General Accounting Experienced

## Work History

## Director of Campus Operations, 10/2022 to Current

## Metropolitan Community College – Kansas City, MO

- Worked with customers to understand their needs and provide excellent service.
- Collaborated with team members to achieve target results.
- Actively listened to customers, handled concerns quickly, and escalated significant issues to the Leadership cabinet.
- Drove operational improvements, which resulted in savings and improved profit margins.
- Led projects and analyzed data to identify opportunities for improvement.
- Developed and implemented performance improvement strategies and plans to promote continuous improvement.
- Carried out day-to-day duties accurately and efficiently.
- Developed and maintained courteous and effective working relationships.

## Workforce Manager, 01/2022 to 10/2022

## Metropolitan Community College – Kansas City, MO

- Assist in developing and overseeing the Workforce Economic Development (WED) budget implementation
- Assist, manage, and facilitate (WED) 3.6 mil budgets awarded in grant awards
- Assist and reimburse 1.5 million Missouri One Start funds awarded to New Job Training & Job Retention Training Program
- Work independently, follow through on projects, and meet tight deadlines
- Liaison between multiple business divisions to improve communications

- Increased employee engagement by 70% over the previous year by facilitating and developing a curriculum for the Leadership Empowerment and Promotion leadership program
- Serve on African American Faculty Staff Association as Treasury
- Executed on-time, under-budget project management on complex issues for senior leadership while supporting sales planning initiatives.

#### Workforce Coordinator, 07/2019 to 12/2021

#### Metropolitan Community College - Kansas City, MO

- Track spending and ensure that the WED stays within its budget
- Prepare monthly financial reports for the leadership team on WED
- Explore options in ways to save money without sacrificing quality
- Reconciles ledgers on complex accounts and prepares journal entries
- Ability to handle a fast-paced working environment, prioritize and change workflow midstream
- Set and adjust schedules to maintain optimal coverage and service levels
- Produced and updated documents, reports, and tracking spreadsheets using Adobe, QuickBooks, and Monday.com.

#### Senior Executive Administrative Assistant, 08/2016 to 07/2019

#### Metropolitan Community College - Kansas City, MO

- Advised and supported Executive Cabinet members; maintained information of a confidential nature
- Managed the President's office, overseeing communications, accounting, budgeting, and workflows
- Organized special events, managed budgets, vendor and contract management, and logistics
- Collaborated with marketing, police, and other shared services
- Utilize courtesy and diplomacy when dealing with challenging students, clients, executive leadership, or situations.

#### Administrative Fiscal Operation Assistant, 07/2010 to 08/2016

#### Metropolitan Community College – Kansas City, MO

- Automated the manual MCC-Institute for Workforce Innovation's (IWI) invoicing process and improved billing accuracy by 80%
- Performed budget transfers and journal entries between departments
- Maintained an excellent rapport with the following third-party entities: Full Employment Council, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation, to ensure timely payments
- Liaison between clients and vendors and maintain effective lines of communication.

## Education

Master of Science: Organizational Development Psychology, 12/2021 Avila University - Kansas City, MO

**Bachelor of Arts:** Business Administration, 08/2019 **Avila University** - Kansas City, MO Associate: Applied Science, Business Administration, 12/2011 Metropolitan Community College - Kansas City, MO

## **Robert M. Hernandez**

Kansas City, MO 64108

## **CAREER SUMMARY**

Hernandez' career has spanned four decades of involvement in community development and affordable housing in each spectrum of his life from professional to personal. For 16 years he served on the City Council of Kansas City, Missouri, serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Plans and Zoning Committee which oversaw all HUD issues from allocating CDBG, to sponsoring affordable housing developments for seniors, families and public housing residents. The district which he represented included all conventional public housing. As a former resident of the West Pennway public housing development, Hernandez knew the importance of safe, decent and sanitary housing, defensible space and sound management; thus he prioritized public and affordable housing as well as community and urban development in his tenure on the Council.

Hernandez career began as he was selected in 1974 to lead the Model Cities program for the Westside the neighborhood where he was born and raised, where he built two houses and raised a family and continues to live. An outgrowth of Model Cities was the Westside Housing Organization, a non profit community development corporation which Hernandez co-founded in 1975, on whose board he has served on continuously for 35 years. Under his leadership WHO has developed 202 senior housing, tax credit and Hope 6 housing as well as single family affordable ownership homes.

Subsequent to his service on the City Council Hernandez worked for McCormack Baron and Salazar, a premier national developer whose successful projects in Kansas City include Quality Hill and Villa del Sol. His career also included three years in marketing for construction companies as well as a total of ten years in government relations for health insurance companies.

Hernandez has emphasized the needs of the low and moderate income communities as well as communities of color. As a co-founder of the Hispanic Development Fund, he raised \$1Million in 2004 to help build the corpus of the fund which has provided over \$1.25 Million in scholarships to deserving Hispanic college-bound students. In addition, he has emphasized minority participation in construction, co-founding the KCHACE, Kansas City Hispanic Area Contractors Enterprise and serving for the past 20 years on the Mayor's Committee on Fairness in Construction.

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Hernandez** Consulting

Government Relations

Construction

Walton	2005-2006
Community Relations and Marketing	

<b>Barsto Construct</b>	tion Company	2003-2004
Director of Marketin	g and Community A	ffairs

<b>Banderas Construction</b>	2001-2003
Director of Marketing	

#### **Hispanic Development Fund**

A subsidiary of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation 2000-2001

Raised \$1 Million to support Hispanic scholarships and grants to Hispanic-serving agencies.

#### 1996-2000 **McCormack Baron and Associates** Project Liaison for Villa Del Sol and Longfellow III

Secured public support, staff support and funding for public improvements, expedited building permits and negotiated minority participation.

#### 1993-1996 Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Kansas City **Director of Community Affairs**

Assisted Blue Cross in being responsive to community needs. Represented company on minority affairs throughout the city. Dealt with non-profit clients, City Hall, and other governmental agencies.

#### 1975-1991 City Council of Kansas City, Missouri Second District Councilman

Specialized in facilitating construction and development downtown and in neighborhoods; learned the intricacies of city regulations and procedures, developed strong working relationships with professional staff, responded to needs of developers, businesses and neighborhoods.

## Prime Health/ Humana

1980-1993

2006---present

#### **Director of Community Relations**

Handled minority, community and governmental relations. Dealt with non-profit and other quasi-governmental agencies. Ensured that Humana understood and responded to community needs.

#### **Machinist Career**

1965-1975

Trained and practices as machinist with several local shops.

## AWARDS

National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, 1986

## **EDUCATION**

UMKC, 95 hours Penn Valley Community College, Associates Degree

## Personal

Married, Colleen Hernandez; two children, Modesta and Robert Michael, two stepdaughters, Sophie and Beth McCarthy, 9 grandchildren.



Damon Daniel is the President and CEO of AdHoc Group Against Crime, an organization that for some serves as the trusted bridge between the community and criminal justice system and for others the emergency room for social services. He answered the call to come to AdHoc in 2015. Mr. Daniel is a native of Kansas City, with a wide range of experience within the field of social justice that spans 25 years. He holds a degree in Urban Affairs from the University of Missouri Kansas City.

Under Damon's leadership at the AdHoc Group Against Crime, thousands of families in the Kansas City Metropolitan area impacted by violence have received much needed mental health and victim services. In 2018, Damon developed a Civil Rights Monitoring program to ensure pedestrians are being treated fairly and equally in the Westport Entertainment District.

He loves serving his community. Mr. Daniel's has served on the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Commission. This commission helps fill judicial vacancies. He was also appointed to the Jackson County nominating committee for the Ethics, Human Relations, and Citizens Complaints Commission. And recently Damon has been appointed to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County Safety and Justice Committee, and the Kansas Governors Grants Program Advisory Board.

Damon can also be heard every weeknight on Carter Broadcast station KPRS Hot 103 Jamz, biweekly on Gospel 1590 AM and 106.1FM where he makes public announcements about various public safety and social issues.

#### Delivering Healing and Justice

Kansas City is experiencing its most violent year on record. Victims trust AdHoc Group Against Crime to provide compassion, to help them deal with the crises precipitated by the violent crime, to help them navigate the criminal justice system, and to walk with them and help them begin to heal.

Attendees will learn about the comprehensive services AdHoc Group Against Crime provides, and what is needed to further our work and how as community members they too can help deliver much needed healing and justice.

# Damon Daniel

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#### **Professional Profile**

Kansas City native with a heart for justice and over 25years of work experience in the fields of employee relations within quasi-government, civil rights, equitable development, program development, community mobilization, training and staff supervision. I have an eager to learn and enjoy working within team player environments.

- Degree in Urban Affairs, with emphasis in community and social services and a certificate in American Humanics.
- 25 years of working in Kansas City area communities and neighborhoods. Expertise in areas of violence prevention, employee relations, social justice, equity development strategies, leadership development and expansion of programs and strategic partnerships.
- Dedicated to building healthy and thriving communities through unlocking the power of people.

#### Education, Certifications and Qualifications

#### **Bachelor of Arts Urban Affairs**

University of Missouri Kansas City, 2006 **Provisional Certifications** American Humanics, Non-Profit Management UMKC Conflict Resolution, Community Mediation Center Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, CPTED Specialist, ACPI

#### **Key Qualifications**

Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, Community Organizing, Community Engagement, Addressing Social determinants of Health, Public Speaking, Program Management, Staff Supervision and Development, Event Planning, Public Policy, Program Development, Teaching, Volunteer Management, Organizational Development, Research, Capacity Building, Event Management, Workshop Facilitation, Fundraising, Political Analysis and Social Justice.

#### **Professional Work Experience**

#### President, Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, March 2015-Present

- Give direction and leadership to the formulation and achievement of the organization's philosophy, mission, and its annual goals and objectives.
- Work with the Board of Directors and staff to develop and implement policies, procedures, and long range strategic plans.
- Oversee administrative, financial and program operations and all personnel matters (design of staff organizational structure, hiring and firing responsibilities, etc.).
- Prepare and following Board approval, administer the organization's annual budget.
- Manage the overall operation of facilities and equipment.
- Pursue and develop additional revenue sources through a variety of fundraising mechanisms, consistent with the mission statement of the organization to finance AdHoc's programs and services.
- Establish and oversee training programs for staff development.
- Maintain a close working relationship with representatives of law enforcement community.
- Keep informed of trends, issues, events and developments within the field through professional peer contacts, conference attendance, etc.

• Develop and coordinate programs and services for violence intervention and prevention.

#### Regional Organizing Director, Communities Creating Opportunity (CCO), April 2007 to 2015

- Regional work focused on expansion of community organizing and supporting leadership development opportunities in Kansas and Missouri.
- Developed grass roots leaders to work together in addressing socioeconomic issues particularly those that perpetuate the dehumanization of people of color. Worked primarily with faith communities to address predatory lending, immigration, mass incarceration, violence, and health access.
- Convened multisector 1.2 million dollar minor home repair program KCHARP (Kansas City Asset Recovery Program) that led to much needed home repairs to low-income residents within 4 target neighborhoods in KCMO.
- Served as the lead convener responsible for the creation of a multi-sectored, racial and generational network of stakeholders called KC Regional Equity Network (KCREN) in partnership with Mid America Regional Council (MARC). KCREN is empowered by the unified vision and voices realized through its regional organizing efforts, works collaboratively to achieve policies that promote equity and inclusive development in Kansas City metropolitan area.

# Insurance Clerk and Back up Personnel Clerk, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), June 2001 to April 2007

- Primary contact for health and retirement benefits issues, responsible for enrollment presentations, insurance changes, bill reconciliation and consultation of insurance.
- Back-up Personnel Clerk duties; coordinate functions related to hiring, administer testing and application processing. Schedule pre-employment physicals, attend job fairs, and assist in all areas of recruiting and job placement.

#### Union Steward, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, August 2005- April 2007

• Elected union official, primary role to provide representation to office clerical employees within the KCATA. This representation involved handling grievances, negotiating labor disputes between KCATA and employees represented by Local ATU 1287 and negotiating benefit packages.

#### Program Director, High Aspirations, June 2004-April 2009

• Primary role and responsibilities included managing program activities, creating new outreach programs for youth mentoring, organize and assist in maintaining participation of members, in addition to facilitating program orientation for new parents, mentors and mentees.

#### **Community Service**

- KS Governing Board for State Crisis Intervention Program 2023-Present
- Jackson County Ethics and Human Relations Commission 2022
- Federal Bureau of Investigations Citizens Advisory Commission 2021-Present
- Health Forward Foundation Community Advisory Committee 2018-Present
- Second Chance Advisory Board 2016-2023
- Jackson County 16th Circuit Judicial Commission 2016-2023
- City of Grandview, Missouri Zoning Board of Adjustments, 2007-2016
- City of Kansas City, Missouri Youth Commission, 2014-2015

#### References available upon request

## KEVIN LaMAR WOOLFOLK

09/06/2023

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#### OBJECTIVE

To continue working with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Kansas City, MO, for the good of the African American community and others who are victims of Racial, Social, and Economic injustice.

#### EDUCATION

- VASHON HIGH SCHOOL (St. Louis, MO)
- PENN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- CURRENT NON-TRADITONAL STUDENT MOREHOUSE COLLEGE-JUNIOR (Online)

PROFESSION INSURANCE

FAMILY LIFE MARRIED:

- Wife: Rachelle
- Son: Nicholas (Age 19)
- Grew up in St. Louis, MO. I Have been living in the Kansas City area since 1984.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION FAITH: Catholic

Formerly was a member of a men's fellowship organization, the Men of St. Thomas More. We met for 8-week sessions, twice a

## Toi Wilson 5612 Wabash Ave. Kansas City, Missouri 64130

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Before retiring from Bank of America i n 2005 with 39 years of service, Toi was volunteering with the Juvenile Court of Jackson County to mentor young, non-violent offenders. Today, she serves on the Jackson County Juvenile Court board and the Blue Hills Neighborhood board, volunteers at the Sunshine Group Home for girls, and is a dedicated member of the Blue Hills Neighborhood Accountability Board for Restorative Justice. "If young, non-violent offenders appear before the accountability board and state their mistakes, why they made them and how they will move forward, their offense will not become part of their permanent record, " Toi explains.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, advocating for the not-so-y oung is part of Toi's now decade-long work as part of Kansas City's Silver-Haired City Council. She is a Toastmastersaward-winning spokesperson for issues of concern to seniors, including health care and resources that allow people to age in place. "We send viewpoints to the city council and provide feedback about budget priorities," she explains.

Toi loves traveling and meeting people, and she established the Gregg/Klice Community Center Seniors on the Move group that, through 2019, arranged for fun tours and trips to help seniors stay mentally and physically engaged. She also, was vice president of the Gregg/Klice Information Forum, which gathers and distributes information about services and events for seniors. "I lov e to connect with people," Toi says. "They truly are an inspiration to me."