

Giving Back

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Giving back: We can meet any challenge

EARLIER THIS month, a massive winter storm swept across Missouri, bringing record snowfall, ice, bitter winds and frigid temperatures.

Long before the first snowflake hit the ground, volunteers from faith and community groups across the state were working with the Missouri National Guard, law enforcement and emergency agencies to make sure help was on-hand, wherever and whatever the need.



Gov. Jay Nixon

That same spirit of service to others inspires thousands of Missourians to give back every day. They may deliver hot meals to the elderly, mentor troubled teens, lead a Scout troop or volunteer at an animal shelter. Giving back makes our communities – and our state – stronger.

And as the blizzard of 2011 proved, working together, we can meet any challenge.

Legislative session begins, senators named

The 96th General Assembly

officially started work on Jan.

5. Individuals nominated during session must be confirmed by the Senate before they begin service on a board or commission.

Senators named to appointments committee

Senate President Pro Tem Robert N. Mayer, R-Dexter, appointed nine senators to the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments:

- Sen. Mayer, chairman
- Sen. Tom Dempsey, R-St. Charles, vice chairman
- Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau
- Sen. Bob Dixon, R-Springfield
- Sen. Brad Lager, R-Savannah



- Sen. Rob Schaaf, R-St. Joseph
- Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Glendale
- Sen. Victor Callahan, D-Independence
- Sen. Ryan McKenna, D-Crystal City

All nominees requiring Senate confirmation must appear before this committee.

Boards and Commissions staff



Deborah Price
Acting director



Damion Trasada
Deputy director



Kimberly Gerlt
Assistant



Save the date

Boards and Commissions will hold training and a reception for new appointees on March 23.



Governor appoints 47 to Boards and Commissions

Congratulations to the 47 Missouri public servants recently appointed to Missouri boards and commissions. Your leadership and participation on these boards and commissions will enable state government to function more efficiently and fairly, and will have a significant and lasting impact. Thank you for so generously sharing your time and talents in service to the state.

Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists	Behavior Analyst Advisory Board						Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
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Tamara Burlis Chesterfield	Thomas Davis Kansas City	Karen Greiner St. Louis	Jennifer Kirby Joplin	Jessa Love Hallsville	Teresa Rodgers Jefferson City	Todd Streff Foristell	Archie Camden Bonne Terre

Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists	Board of Therapeutic Massage	Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board	Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials				
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Janette Call Perryville	Brandy Mouser Dexter	Betty Skinner St. Louis	Robert Barrett Nevada	Vicki Benson Kirksville	Bill Burch Sikeston	Judith Davidson Cottleville	Lee Gilbert Springfield

Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials					Cotton Growers' Organization Board of Directors	Development Finance Board	
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Jerry King Butler	Don Mills El Dorado Springs	Thomas Shrou St. Louis	Paul Walle Manchester	Terry Winkler Miller	Judy Grundler Columbia	Patrick Lamping Barnhart	Reuben Shelton St. Louis

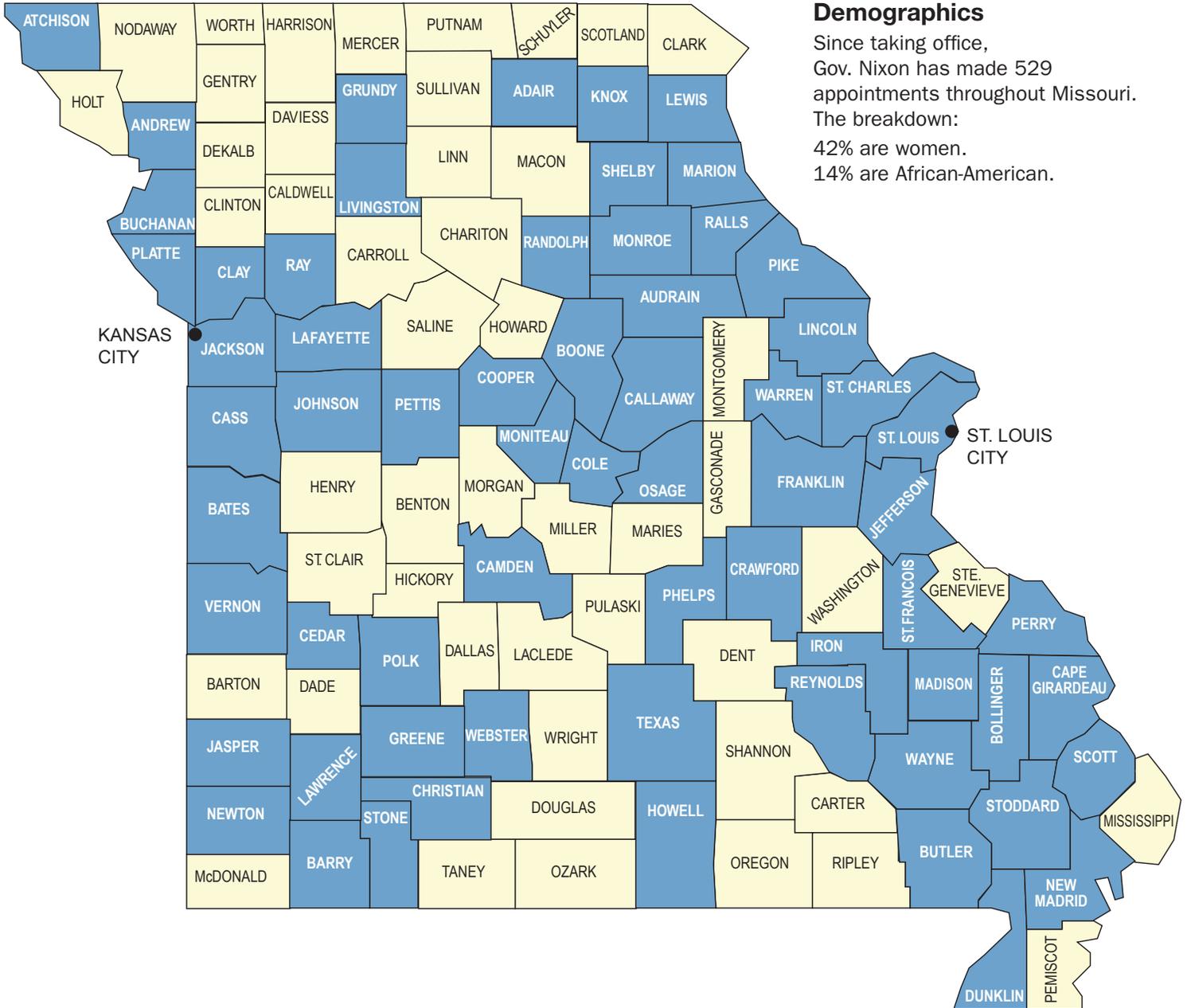
Environmental Improvement & Energy Resources Authority	Health and Educational Facilities Authority of Mo.	Homeland Security Advisory Council	Interagency Coordinating Council	Mo. Western State University Board of Governors	MO HealthNet Oversight Committee	Real Estate Appraisers Commission	Rehabilitation Council
							
William Dalton Springfield	Sarah Maguffee Columbia	Kevin Ahlbrand St. Louis	Julia Lepage Jefferson City	Leo Blakley St. Joseph	Corinne Walentik University City	C. Cash Gill Dexter	James Ankrom Smithville

Rehabilitation Council	Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board	St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission	State Unemployment Council	Tax Commission
				
Dennis Atkins St. Charles	Cecilia Callahan Jefferson City	Aimee Wehmeier Columbia	Gregory Wingert Lohman	James Seigfreid Warrensburg
				
Robert O'Loughlin Kirkwood	Lance Mayfield Viburnum	Randy Holman Hillsboro		

Women's Council	Appointees not pictured	
	<p>Administrative Law Judge Review Committee Barry Aycock, Parma</p> <p>Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials Patty Bolz, Kirksville Julie Hurst, Tarkio</p>	<p>MO HealthNet Oversight Committee Bridget McCandless, Independence Jay McMillen, St. Joseph</p> <p>Rehabilitation Council Penny Adams, St. Joseph</p>
Nicole Colbert-Botchway St. Louis		

Appointments by county

 Counties with appointments



Demographics

Since taking office, Gov. Nixon has made 529 appointments throughout Missouri. The breakdown:

- 42% are women.
- 14% are African-American.



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If you have suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Deborah Price, acting director of Boards and Commissions: Deborah.Price@mo.gov 573-751-3222

Beetem brings enthusiasm to Children's Trust Fund

NELA BEETEM was reappointed to the Children's Trust Fund by Gov. Nixon in 2010. The fund, best known by its Missouri specialty license plate, invests nearly \$3 million a year in public education campaigns and abuse prevention programs.

Child abuse and prevention has been a lifelong passion for Nela. Her dedication has been demonstrated in a variety of capacities throughout her 40 years of work as a nurse.

Nela brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to the board. She has not hesitated to volunteer for assignments since being appointed.

Grants awarded annually

The fund annually awards more than 100 grants to community-based organizations, and as a member of the program committee Nela enjoys working with the diverse group of knowledgeable professionals who determine the grant awardees.

"The board asks great questions and really sorts through issues during the application process," says Nela. "We're able to have really rich discussions because of the wonderful cross-section of perspectives we have.

"There are teachers, social workers, clergy, health professionals, representatives from community organizations and others giving their input. All the applications we review get a comprehensive examination before grants are awarded. The board takes its responsibility seriously and is a great steward of the funds we use to serve children and families throughout the state."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Nela Beetem



Home: Holts Summit

Background: Community health nurse consultant, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Former DHSS school health nurse consultant; and school health services coordinator for Jefferson City Public Schools.

Education: American Nurses Association certification, family nurse practitioner, University of Missouri. American Nurses Association certification, school nurse practitioner, University of Colorado.

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~NELA BEETEM

CTF staff lauded

Nela also credits the Children's Trust Fund staff with making her work enjoyable.

"The CTF staff is great. They are extremely helpful in helping us make sure applications meet the criteria for further review and with many



of the administrative functions of our board. They're always available to answer our questions

and eager to help applicants and the organizations we fund. We work together to do whatever we can to serve the children and families in our state."

Missouri Community Service Commission

Agency funds AmeriCorps programs in state

THE MISSOURI Community Service Commission (MCSC), an agency of the Department of Economic Development, is responsible for funding AmeriCorps state programs in Missouri. Like a domestic version of the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps serves communities through volunteer work and other service.

AmeriCorps members serve in schools that have lost or are in danger of losing accreditation. They tutor youth who are at risk of failing and help them bring up their grades in classes such as math, science and reading.

Disaster assistance

Some members serve on disaster teams. You may have seen them in your neighborhoods or communities clearing away debris, establishing volunteer

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MCSC

Established: 1994

Mission: Connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. Administers AmeriCorps funding in Missouri by awarding monetary grants and providing technical assistance and support.

Board members: 15-25

2010-2011 grant allocations: \$4 million

Funding source: Corporation for National and Community Service, GR.

Helping Missouri: Over 2,500 AmeriCorps members have served Missourians since 2003.



Jumpstarting Missouri: AmeriCorps' Jumpstart program recruits and trains achievement-oriented college students to work one-on-one with low-income pre-schoolers. They work together for one year on language, literacy, social and initiative skills.

MCSC board of directors, hometowns

A 15- to 25-member board governs MCSC. The Governor appoints 19 members; others represent government agencies and volunteer and service groups. They serve three-year terms. Senate consent is required for all.



Chair **Janis VanMeter** (left), Lewistown
Vice Chair **Stanley Whitehurst**, Marshfield

Ex-officio members:

Michael Laverty, Corporation for National and Community Service
Erika Brandl, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- **John Albright**, Sunrise Beach
- **Andres Dominguez**, Parkville
- **Linda Duffy**, Columbia
- **Cindy Heislen**, Jefferson City
- **Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder**, Jefferson City
- **Randall McArthur**, Maryland Heights
- **Forrest Miller Jr.**, Crestwood

- **Nina Murphy**, St. Louis
- **Elaine Powers**, St. Louis
- **Lori Rasmussen**, Chesterfield
- **Jolene Schulz**, Columbia
- **Amanda Shelton**, Columbia
- **Russell Unger**, Columbia

Commission staff

Linda Thompson, executive director



Kevin Edwards, Thompson chief field program officer

Andre Grinston, field program officer

Vicky Thomann, field program officer

Katie Bellers, events planner and program development coordinator

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centers, or assisting the elderly, disabled, children or families in times of disaster.

Every AmeriCorps member must be certified in first aid and CPR. In addition to tutoring and disasters, members may serve in areas of homeland security, the environment, human needs, and other areas that address unmet community needs.

MCSC funds organizations that recruit members to join AmeriCorps. Most members qualify for a living allowance and an educational award. The allowance is a stipend to provide financial support for members working in their communities. Members are unique individuals with a giving spirit who seek opportunities to assist others.

MCSC gets funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C. The commission also receives support from the Department of Economic Development and general revenue.



AmeriCorps members spruce up a distressed park in St. Louis.



Reading coaches in Purdy assemble 150 food baskets for Barry County families. On other days, Connie Moore, left, Brandon Tracy and Maxine Gray help youngsters become better readers.

“ MCSC recognizes Missourians who serve and volunteer to make our state a better place to live. While it is impossible to recognize everybody, we encourage you to nominate a deserving volunteer on our website. ”

~ MCSC DIRECTOR LINDA THOMPSON



Learn more about MCSC or nominate Missourians for outstanding service, volunteerism

Go to movolunteers.org or 877-210-7611

Find Missouri Community Service Commission on [facebook](#)



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As always, we need your help

Gov. Nixon is always looking for qualified, energetic applicants to serve on Missouri's 200-plus boards and commissions.

Please spread the word. We would greatly appreciate it if you would encourage your colleagues and friends to review the vacancies and complete an application found at governor.mo.gov/boards.

