

SPARK Advisory Panelists

*=Advisory Panel Chair, **= Advisory Panel Vice-Chair

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Advisory Panel	Name	Organization	Role	City / County	Notes
Health and Education	Sen. Renee Erickson *	Kansas Legislature	Senator (R)	Sedgwick County	Vice chair of Education Committee; middle school principal
Health and Education	Robyn Chadwick **	Via Christi/ Ascension	VP Ops; Behavioral Health	Wichita	Behavioral Health experience focused on acute in-patient care
Health and Education	Raphael Wahwassuck	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Tribal Council Member	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Council term runs 2020-2024
Health and Education	Dr. Jarvis Collier	Pleasant Green Baptist Church	Senior Pastor	Kansas City	Pastor
Health and Education	McClain Macklin	Health Forward Foundation	Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives	Kansas City	Previously served as the Director of Policy and Research for the Greater Kansas City Civic Council and the Director of Policy for Mayor Sly James of Kansas City, MO
Health and Education	Kathe Decker				Former lawmaker and DCF
Health and Education	Shawn Sullivan	Midland Care Connection	CEO	Topeka	Former KDADS Secretary, State Budget Director, and nursing home CEO
Health and Education	Sen. Dinah Sykes	Kansas Legislature	Senator (D)	Johnson County	Senate Minority Leader; NCSL Early Childhood Fellow; wrapping up 4-year term as Children's Cabinet member
Health and Education	Rep. Kristey Williams	Kansas Legislature	Representative (R)	Augusta	Chair of House K-12 Budget Committee
Economic Revitalization	Rep. Sean Tarwater *	Kansas Legislature	Representative (R)	Johnson County	Chair of Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council and Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Economic Revitalization	Tien Huynh **	Developer/ Entrepreneur		Sedgwick County	Entrepreneur and business owner who has started several businesses in Kansas
Economic Revitalization	Sen. J.R. Claeys	Kansas Legislature	Senator (R)	Saline County	Vice chair of Ways and Means Committee
Economic Revitalization	Rep. Tom Sawyer	Kansas Legislature	Representative (D)	Sedgwick County	House Minority Leader
Economic Revitalization	Andrew Nave	Greater Wichita Partnership	EVP - Economic Development	Sedgwick County	18 years working with chambers of commerce and economic development organizations; develops and leads business retention and recruitment initiatives for Greater Wichita Partnership
Economic Revitalization	Tim McKee	Olathe Chamber of Commerce	CEO	Olathe	Has worked for the Olathe Chamber of Commerce for 23 years; prior experience with Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
Economic Revitalization	Brett Leopold	VP	ITC Great Plains		Attorney, board member of Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Aligned, a nonprofit dedicated to educational improvement
Economic Revitalization	Sam Sackett	VP of Government Relations	Spirit AeroSystems		Private sector
Economic Revitalization	Matt Condon	Bardavon Health Innovations	CEO		Health information company founder and CEO
Economic Revitalization	Ryan Flickner	Kansas Farm Bureau	Senior Director of Advocacy	Manhattan	Has been advocating for increased funding for broadband for many years
Economic Revitalization	Lona Duvall	Finney County Econ Dev Council	President	Finney County	Has focused work on bringing together community coalitions to expand childcare; runs bootcamp for community leaders in the Garden City area that has provided an example for communities across the state
Connectivity	Sen. Mike Petersen *	Kansas Legislature	Senator (R)	Sedgwick County	Senate Assistant Majority Leader; Chair of Joint Committee on Information Technology and Transportation Committee; Vice Chair of Utilities Committee

Connectivity	Stanley Adams **	Kansas Office of Broadband Development	Director	Topeka	Leads broadband efforts within Commerce; prior work at AT&T
Connectivity	Rep. Adam Smith	Kansas Legislature	Representative (R)	Cheyenne, Decatur, Rawlins, Sherman and Wallace Counties	Chair of Rural Revitalization Committee
Connectivity	Sen. Tom Hawk	Kansas Legislature	Senator (D)	Riley County	Ranking Minority member, Senate Ways and Means Committee
Connectivity	Ed Taylor	UES Consulting Services, Inc.	Principal/CEO	Kansas City	30+ years as an environmental engineer
Connectivity	Brian Vulgamore	Vulgamore Family Farms	Business Manager	Scott County	Farmer and pilot who runs a family farm in western Kansas
Connectivity	Paul Truitt	Cox Communications	VP of Field Operations	Wichita	35+ years in telecommunications; currently serves on the Board of the Fundamental Learning Center; past member of the Sedgwick County Zoo Board and Board Chair of the Northwest YMCA in Wichita
Connectivity	Molly Kocour- Boyle	AT&T	President - AT&T Kansas	NE Kansas	10+ years at AT&T; member of the board of directors for Jobs for America's Graduates and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Connectivity	Dr. Tiffany Anderson	Topeka Public Schools	Superintendent	Topeka	Served on CREJ, Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (appointed by GLK) and Board of Regents (appointed by GLK); has worked in public education for 28+ years
Connectivity	Daniel Friesen	Ideatek Telecom Inc	Managing Partner/Chief Innovation Officer	Buhler	Managing Partner and Chief Innovation Officer at Ideatek; Reno County Commissioner
Connectivity	Jeff Wick	WTC	President/Genera l Manager	Wamego	President WTC; member of Kansas Communications Coalition

Efficiency & Modernization	Rep. Troy Waymaster *	Kansas Legislature	Representative (R)	Osborne, Russell and Smith Counties	Chair of House Appropriations Committee
Efficiency & Modernization	Mark Hutton**	Retired CEO & Former Legislator		Butler County	Appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by Governor Colyer in 2018; founder of a construction company
Efficiency & Modernization	Sen. Michael Fagg	Kansas Legislature	Senator (R)	Chautauqua, Coffey, Elk, Greenwood, Wilson, and Woodson Counties	Vice Chair of Financial Institutions and Insurance
Efficiency & Modernization	Rep. Kathy Wolfe-Moore	Kansas Legislature	Representative (D)	Wyandotte County	Ranking Minority member, House Appropriations Committee
Efficiency & Modernization	Frank Burnam	Office of Facilities and Property Management	Director		Oversees administration of state-owned and leased facilities and protects the state's interest in all state facilities planning, design and construction activities
Efficiency & Modernization	Michael Wilkes	Olathe	City Manager	Olathe	Has served as city manager for 22 years
Efficiency & Modernization	Shane Mathis	Ally RNG	CEO	Lawrence	25 years of experience in energy, utilities, and risk management
Efficiency & Modernization	Tanya Heffel	OITS	Chief Technology Officer		20+ years in IT, security, and operations
Efficiency & Modernization	Matt Billingsley				Former KDOR
Efficiency & Modernization	Joe Mandala	KBI	CIO	Topeka	20+ years in IT, including ~15 years with the State