

### PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

The effectiveness of the Greater Wichita Partnership is in each member, each investor, each community and business leader serving this region. We invite you to connect with any of the area professionals serving on boards, committees, and within the many alliances and task forces. Our strength is in our diversity and united efforts for success.

## **Executive Board Of The Greater Wichita Partnership**

Exists to ensure the work of the organization aligns with the mission to fast-forward economic growth in the Greater Wichita region.

Learn more about becoming an investor of the Partnership by contacting Becca Newman at becca@greaterwichitapartnership.org.

#### **Executive Committee**

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#### **Emeritus Director**

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# **Strategic Advisory Team**

Comprised of private-sector leaders and public-sector officials, this team assists in guiding economic development strategies, goals, and opportunities within the Partnership's jobs priority. In addition, the team provides critical leadership to propel the initiatives identified within the Regional Growth Plan.

Troy Anderson, City of Wichita Ryan Baty, Sedgwick County Chair

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### **Industry Members**

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#### **Accelerate Wichita**

To support the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem, the Partnership provides support to Accelerate Wichita (formerly the Entrepreneurship Task Force), which focuses on identifying, activating and mentoring an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Accelerate Wichita has a vision to build and support an inclusive, globally competitive, and impactful entrepreneurial ecosystem creating sustainable long-term growth for the Wichita region through job and wealth creation.

A key accomplishment of the Entrepreneurship Task Force (ETF) was the launch of the first entrepreneurial accelerator in Kansas – e2e, now named NXTUS. In 2015, ETF launched a planning committee that took the necessary steps to open the independent entity. The Partnership now partners with NXTUS to cultivate the entrepreneurial ecosystem by activating, accelerating, and mentoring entrepreneurs in the heartland.

For specific questions related to entrepreneurial development, please contact Tami Bradley at tami@greaterwichitapartnership.org.

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## **Talent Advisory Committee**

Comprised of Human Resource Executives and community leaders, this committee is regularly convened to provide strategic direction for current and future talent recruitment and retention efforts. In addition, this committee works to propel the initiatives identified within the Talent Marketing Blueprint.

### **Industry Members**

John Bates, INTRUST Bank
Cara Chennault-Reid, Koch, Inc.
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Nici Duncan, High Touch Technology
Emily Faught, Fidelity Bank
John Ford, TESSERE
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For specific questions related to the Talent Advisory Committee, or to get on the mailing list, please contact Tami Bradley, Senior Strategic Advisor for Talent Roadmap and Workforce Development at tami@greaterwichitapartnership.org.

# **Talent Roadmap Leadership Coalition**

Focused on promoting a seamless partnership between private business and education leaders to inspire, develop, and produce the productive workforce needed for sustained economic growth for our region. The Talent Roadmap Leadership Coalition is guided by the Student Success Task Force Plan, which identifies three priority areas based on the initiatives outlined in the Lifelong Learning Action Plan of the Project Wichita Community Report. The Coalition is currently led by Co-chairs Stephanie Harder, Director of Communications and Public Affairs at Textron Aviation, and Dr. Sheree Utash, President of WSU Tech.

### Coalition Members

**Ebony Clemons**, Evergy

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**Tim Hamblin**, Wichita Public Schools **Ryan Bond**, Thrive Restaurant Group

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Nate Koch, WSU Foundation and Alumni Engagement

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**Emily Lopez**, Spirit Aerosystems

Colin Marsh, Murfin Inc.

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**Derrick Nielsen**, High Touch Technologies

Laura Ritterbush, Goodwill Industries

Luis Rodriguez, Tech Entrepreneur & Advocate

**John Rolfe**, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce



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