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Partnership

## 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](mailto:becca@greaterwichitapartnership.org).

#### Executive Committee

**Charlie Chandler**, INTRUST Bank, Chairman & CEO, Executive Board Co-chair

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**Marty Cornejo**, Cornejo Holdings, President, Executive Board Vice-chair

**Ben Hutton**, Hutton, CEO, Executive Board Secretary

**Jeff Fluhr**, Greater Wichita Partnership, President

#### Ex-Officio Members

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**Paul Allen**, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., Chairman of the Board

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**Steve Patrick**, Bombardier Defense, Vice President

**Mark Quayle**, Cargill Protein, Chief Legal Counsel

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**Todd Slawson**, Slawson Companies, President  
**Greg Tice**, SPT Architecture, Managing Partner  
**Dr. Sheree Utash**, WSU Tech, President & VP of Workforce Development, TRLC Lead  
**Mayor Lily Wu**, City of Wichita, Mayor

## Emeritus Director

**Scott Schwindaman**, Greater Wichita Partnership, Emeritus Director, Economic Development

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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.

## Public-Sector Members

**Troy Anderson**, City of Wichita  
**Ryan Baty**, Sedgwick County Commission Chair  
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**Ebony Clemons**, Evergy  
**Amanda Duncan**, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas  
**Mark Eaton**, Envision, Inc.  
**Jeff Fluhr**, Greater Wichita Partnership  
**Sarah Hoefgen**, El Dorado, Inc.  
**Joshua Jefferson**, Kansas Department of Commerce  
**John Rolfe**, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce  
**Andrew Schlapp**, Wichita State University  
**Scott Schwindaman**, Greater Wichita Partnership  
**Beth Shelton**, Harvey County Economic Development  
**Debra Teufel**, Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce

## Industry Members

**Kyle Blasdel**, Hutton  
**Brie Boulanger**, McCownGordon Construction  
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**Jeff Gordon**, Bombardier  
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For specific questions related to entrepreneurial development, please contact Tami Bradley at [tami@greaterwichtapartnership.org](mailto:tami@greaterwichtapartnership.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  
**Sarah Blogref**, McCownGordon Construction  
**Jenna Bruggeman**, Conco Construction  
**Rachelle Camacho**, Crossland Construction Co, Inc  
**Cara Chennault-Reid**, Koch, Inc.  
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**John Ford**, TESSERE  
**Kara Franks**, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.  
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**Jessica Kilpatric**, Fidelity Bank  
**Jeff Koch**, SPT Architecture  
**Amanda Maier**, 6 Meridian  
**Sonja Mencacci**, Textron Aviation  
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**Phet Namphengsone**, Textron Aviation  
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**Patrick Salmans**, Star Lumber & Supply  
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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@greaterwichtapartnership.org](mailto:tami@greaterwichtapartnership.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

**Mike Beene**, Kansas Department of Commerce  
**Misty Bruckner**, PPMC  
**Jordan Buxton**, Hutton  
**Nici Duncan**, High Touch Technology  
**Scott Evans**, Ascension Via Christi  
**Michele Gifford**, Textron Aviation  
**Tim Hamblin**, Wichita Public Schools  
**Stephanie Harder**, Textron Aviation  
**Kathleen Jagger**, Newman University  
**Mary Beth Jarvis**, NXTUS  
**Keith Lawing**, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas  
**Jared Leshner**, Wesley Medical Center  
**Colin Marsh**, Murfin Inc.  
**Pete Meitzner**, Sedgwick County Commission  
**Robin Merriman**, Bombardier  
**Laura Ritterbush**, Goodwill Industries  
**Jesse Romo**, Wichita Airport Authority  
**Joseph Shepard**, City of Wichita  
**Sheree Utash**, WSU Tech

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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



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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.