Greater Wichita 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.

Executive Committee

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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
Commissioner Ryan Baty, Sedgwick County
Kelly Bielefeld, Wichita Public Schools
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Jason Cox, Wichita Regional Chamber, Chair
Jeff Fluhr, Greater Wichita Partnership
Sarah Hoefgen, El Dorado, Inc.
Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance / REAP
Bob Layton, City of Wichita
Joshua Jefferson, Kansas Department of Commerce
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Industry Members

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Clint Cornejo, Cornejo Holdings/Allmetal Recycling
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Jamie Harrison, Meritrust Credit Union
Jessica Istas, Bombardier
Kasey Jolly, Spirit AeroSystems
Charlie King, Occidental Management, Inc.
Todd Knight, McCownGordon Construction
Colin Marsh, Murfin Inc.

Butch Nuss, Slawson Companies
Dan Reisig, UV&S
Harvey Sorensen, Foulston Siefkin
Gary Schmitt, INTRUST Bank
Brice Turner, Hornet Cutting Systems

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

Blake Logan, Spirit AeroSystems
Evan Wilson, Meritrust Credit Union
Jessica Kilpatric, Fidelity Bank
Kara Franks, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.
Laura Breese, Spirit AeroSystems
Mike King, Hutton
Marilou Mewborn, Ascension Via Christi
Nici Duncan, High Touch Technologies
Phet Namphengsone, Textron Aviation
René White, INTRUST Bank
Stacey Parker, McCownGordon Construction

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
Mike Beene, Kansas Department of Commerce
Kelly Bielefeld, USD 259
Ryan Bond, Thrive Restaurant Group
Misty Bruckner, PPMC
Jordan Buxton, Sevenfold
Noreen Carrocci, Envision, Inc.
Joy Eakins, Cornerstone Data, Inc.
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Deborah Gladney, WorkTouch
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Ben Hutton, Hutton
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Laura Ritterbush, Goodwill Industries
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Jesse Romo, Wichita Airport Authority
Joseph Shepard, Lead for America
Chris Stanyer, Goodwill Industries
Tonya Sudduth, Bombardier
Dr. Sheree Utash, WSU Tech
Tonya Witherspoon, Wichita State University
Bruce Witt, Ascension Via Christi
Damon Young, Kansas Leadership Center

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