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Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation and WIN for KC Welcome New Board Members

KANSAS CITY, MO (January 5, 2021) – [The Greater Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation](#) is pleased to welcome the following individuals to the 2021 [Board of Directors](#): **Dr. Kim Beatty** (Chancellor & CEO, Metropolitan Community College), **Angela Davied** (VP of Corporate Communications, H&R Block), **Michelle McConnell** (Sr. Manager of Community Relations, Evergy), **Jeff Placek** (CFO, McCownGordon Construction), **Jason Spacek** (VP of Strategy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City) and **Kevin Sweeney** (Chair of the Sports Law Group, Polsinelli PC).

Regina Croucher (Partner, KPMG LLP) will serve as Chair of the Board. She will make a historic impact on the organization by being the first female to hold this position. **Jason Booker** (Sr. Director of Corporate Partnerships & Broadcast Sales, Kansas City Royals) will assume the role of Executive Vice-Chair. **Michael Chalfie** (VP & Assistant GM, T-Mobile Center) will serve as Vice-Chair, Marketing and **Bruce Miller** (Senior Principal, Populous) will serve as Vice-Chair, Events.

“Serving on the Board of Directors for the Kansas City Sports Commission has been very rewarding,” says Regina Croucher, incoming Chair of the Board. “I’m honored to assume the role of Chair and look forward to leading this incredible group of people in support of the Kansas City Sports Commission – an organization that helps position our city as a true leader in the world of sports.”

[WIN for KC](#) will also welcome new members to the [Advisory Board](#): **Jessica Dickson** (Director of Events/Executive Producer, Platinum Productions), **Alex Donnelly** (SVP, Global Operations at C2FO), **Ann Gaffigan** (Director of Technology Operations, Dimensional Innovations), **Jennifer Ingraham** (Assistant Vice President, UMKC Foundation), **Angel McGee** (Manager of Communications and Outreach, Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy) and **Mike McGurk** (Athletic Director, Lee’s Summit North High School).

Jana Merfen (Chief Information Officer, Dickinson Financial) will assume the role of Vice Chair and will serve in partnership with current Chair **Rebecca Sommers** (Associate Creative Director, Garmin). “Our Advisory Board provides invaluable on-going support and guidance, which has been especially vital as we’ve worked to navigate these unprecedented times,” says Jessica Blubaugh, Director of WIN for KC. “I’m thankful for everyone who supports our organization and look forward to working with these incredible leaders in support of our mission to empower girls and women through sports.”

Finally, **Preston Elder** (Producer, AssuredPartners), **Brice Haden** (Audit Manager, KPMG) and **Alex Martin** (Foundation & Civic Affairs Assistant, Kansas City Chiefs) will join the Kansas City Sports

Commission [Emerging Leaders Advisory Board](#). This group is comprised of young professionals from various industries who support the organization through fundraising events and advocacy work.

“2020 was a challenging year for everyone,” says Kathy Nelson, President & CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission. “But thanks to the leadership and support from the individuals that comprise these three important groups, our organization was able to sustain and plan for the future.”

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

The mission of the [Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation](#) is to drive Kansas City’s overall sports strategy, to enrich the quality of life, create economic impact and raise visibility for our region. As a privately-funded nonprofit, we are entirely dependent on your support. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Also follow the Garmin Kansas City Marathon on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About WIN for KC

The Women’s Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC), was established in 1994 under the umbrella of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission, with the mission to ignite girls and women through advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports and fitness, while providing opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN is a volunteer, membership-driven organization that operates as a program of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation. For more information, visit [WINforKC.org](#). For the latest on WIN for KC news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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