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## National Association of State Workforce Agencies Announces New Members of Board of Directors

WASHINGTON – The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) elected its 2019 association year board of directors during the Annual Workforce Summit and UI Directors’ Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. NASWA membership, comprised of state and U.S. territory workforce agency staff nationwide, selected new board members and an executive committee to represent its regions. The board’s duties are to direct the business of the association.

“These Board members represent the talent and expertise of those spearheading workforce development efforts across the country,” said Scott B. Sanders, Executive Director. “We are extremely fortunate to have this group providing guidance for our organization and driving the national workforce agenda.”

Makeup of the new NASWA Board of Directors consists of:

- **Jennifer James-Price**, Undersecretary for Workforce Development, Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, representing Region I
- **Ron Marino**, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, representing Region II
- **Ellen Marie Hess**, Commissioner, Virginia Employment Commission, representing Region III
- **Mark Butler**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Labor, representing Region IV
- **Ray Allen**, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, representing Region V
- **Richard McPherson**, Executive Director, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, representing Region VI
- **Lana Gordon**, Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor, representing Region VII
- **Galen Hollenbaugh**, Commissioner, Montana Department of Labor and Regulation, representing Region VIII
- **Patrick Henning**, Director, California Employment Development Department, representing Region IX
- **Suzi LeVine**, Commissioner, Washington Employment Security Department, representing Region X

Executive Committee of the Board:

- **Jon Pierpont**, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services, Board President
- **Anna Hui**, Director, Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Board President-Elect
- **Jeff Mays**, Director, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Board Secretary
- **Kelly M. Schulz**, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Board Treasurer
- **Renee Olson**, Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Board Past-President

“There is no hotter topic across the nation than building the workforce for today and the future. Every state is experiencing successes and challenges in the labor force,” said Jon Pierpont, NASWA Board President and Executive

Director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services. “It is an honor to work closely with my counterparts in other states in a common goal of strengthening our workforce to meet industry needs.”

Incoming Board members assumed their respective posts upon election at the NASWA Annual Workforce Summit. All Board of Directors positions serve a one-year term, except that of Treasurer, which serves a two-year term.

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***About the National Association of State Workforce Agencies ([www.naswa.org/](http://www.naswa.org/)): NASWA is the national organization representing all 50 state workforce agencies, D.C. and U.S. territories. These agencies deliver training, employment, career, and business services, in addition to administering the unemployment insurance, veteran reemployment, and labor market information programs. NASWA provides policy expertise, shares promising state practices, and promotes state innovation and leadership in workforce development.***



*(From Left to Right, Front to back: Renee Olson - Board Past-President and Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; Anna Hui- Board President-Elect and Director, Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Jon Pierpont – Board President and Executive Director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services; Kelly Schulz – Board Treasurer and Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Jeff Mays – Board Secretary and Director, Illinois Department of Employment Security;*

*Back Row, Left to Right: Allicyn Tasaka - Board Alternate Director Region IX and Executive Director, Hawaii Workforce Development Council; John Albin – Board Alternate Director Region VII and Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Labor; Lana Gordon – Board Director Region VII and Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor; Kay Erickson – Board Alternate Director Region X and Director, Oregon Employment Department; Ron Marino – Board Director Region II and Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development; Galen Hollenbaugh – Board Director Region VIII and Commissioner, Montana Department of Labor and Industry; Ellen Marie Hess – Board Director Region III and Commissioner, Virginia Employment Commission; Richard McPherson – Board Director Region VI and Executive Director, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; Pamela Szacik – Board Alternate Director Region I and Bureau Director, New Hampshire*

Employment Security; Matt Weldon – Board Alternate Director Region II and Assistant Director, Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training; Tobi Cates – Board Alternate Director Region VIII and Administrator, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services; Deneice Thomas – Board Alternate Director Region IV and Assistant Commissioner, Workforce Services, Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce; Michelle Beebe, Senior Deputy Director, Unemployment Insurance, Michigan Talent Investment Agency)