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**The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Appointment of  
Advisory Committee Members for Kansas**

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announces the appointment of 12 members to its Kansas Advisory Committee:

- Mildred Edwards of Topeka, *Chair*
- Russ Brien of Oskaloosa
- Mark Dodd of Topeka
- Steven Gieber of Abilene
- Martha Hodgesmith of Lawrence
- Ron Holt of Wichita
- Kristy Lambert of Prairie Village
- Jennifer Ng of Lawrence
- Phyllis Nolan of Louisburg
- Kirk Perucca of Prairie Village
- Ewa Unoke of Kanas City
- Gabriela Vega of Manhattan

State Advisory Committees produce reports and issue recommendations to the Commission concerning state-wide or local civil rights issues involving discrimination based upon race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, and/or or disability and in relation to voting rights. The Commission, by Congressional mandate, establishes Advisory Committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Appointees to the Committees serve four-year terms and are unremunerated.

The Kansas Advisory Committee most recently conducted a public meeting in Topeka to hear testimony regarding voting rights in the state. The newly appointed Committee will begin its term by reviewing this testimony and producing a report on the topic, with findings and recommendations to the Commission.

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