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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announce the Appointments of Advisory Committee Members for Arizona, Indiana, Mississippi, and Nebraska

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights congratulates the following individuals on their appointments as members of our Arizona, Indiana, Mississippi, and Nebraska Advisory Committees, effective November 19, 2021.

Advisory Committees have recently <u>examined</u> water affordability, school discipline disparities, policing practices, mental health and the criminal justice system, legal financial obligations, fair housing, hate crimes, voting rights, maternal health, and solitary confinement. In addition to advising the Commission, Advisory Committee reports have contributed to policy changes at the national, state, and local levels.

For the state of Arizona:

Leslie Ross (Chair); Angela Banks; Rebekah Browder; Tessa Dysart; Patty Ferguson-Bohnee; Melissa Ho; David Kim; Theresa Rassas; Emma Robbins; Jonathan Rose; Christina Sandefur; Beverly Traver; Heather Whiteman Runs Him; Henry Whitmer; Eric Yordy

For the state of Indiana:

Diane Clements-Boyd (Chair); Dawn Adams; Jeannine Bell; Christopher Douglas; Jason Fertig; Terri Jett; David Johnson; Zachary Kester, Melissa Keyes; Tony Kirkland; Bill McGill; Patti O'Callaghan; Michael Padgett; Travis Phillips; Jonathan Watson; Thomas Wheeler; Ellen Wu; Seth Zirkle

For the state of Mississippi:

Ronald Rychlak (Chair); Rhonda Bailey; Brittany Barbee; Zeb (Zeke) Baucum; Jessica Carter; Charles Cowan; Macey Edmondson; Lisette Gushiniere; Russ Latino; Nichoas Lott; Michael Oropeza; Aaron Rice; Darein Spann

For the state of Nebraska:

Judi Gaiashkibos (Chair); Jennifer Creager; Janet Eckerson; Edmund Hamann; Jason Hayes; John Icenogle; Nikitah Imani; Andrew La Grone; David Lopez; Jose Soto; Peter Szto; Edward Ventura; Alexandrea Lee Walker

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