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## **The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces the Appointment of Advisory Committee Members for Nine States**

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights congratulates the following individuals on their appointments as members of our state Advisory Committees.

Chair Catherine E. Lhamon said, “The Commission’s Committees advise us about the state of civil rights in their respective states, lifting up important issues that Committee members encounter in their own communities. We are grateful for their service, and look forward to their insight into civil rights across the country.”

Advisory Committees have recently examined voting rights, civil rights impacts of education funding, seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities, women’s prisons, civil asset forfeiture, immigration issues, policing practices, human trafficking, fair housing, payday lending, and criminal justice issues, including solitary confinement policies in prisons and disparate incarceration rates. In addition to advising the Commission, Advisory Committee reports may lead to policy changes at the national, state or local levels. More information about the work of the Commission’s Advisory Committees can be found [here](#).

### ***For the state of Illinois:***

Ryan Dunigan, Chair, Chicago; Barbara Barreno-Paschall, Chicago; Jonathan J. Bean, Carterville; Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec, Chicago; Cindy Buys, Murphysboro; Mark Calaguas, Chicago; Trevor K. Copeland, Chicago; Tabassum A. Haleem, Naperville; Reyahd D.J. Kazmi, Chicago; Matthew Paprocki, Chicago; Gregory Sanford, Chicago; Kyle Westbrook, Chicago.

### ***Kentucky:***

Richard H.C. Clay, Chair, Danville; M. Cristina Alcalde, Lexington; Rosa E. Alvarado, Louisville; Wesley R. Butler, Lexington; John E. Chowning, Campbellsville; Elizabeth A. Deener, Lexington; Betty Sue Griffin, Frankfort; Yevette Haskins, Campbellsville; Jennifer Hunt, Lexington; Lee Look, Louisville; Luke M. Milligan, Louisville; Mitchell H. Payne, Shelbyville; Enid Trucios-Haynes, Louisville; Alice G. Waddell, Bowling Green; Rhynia C. Weaver, Louisville; Russell L. Weaver, Louisville.

### ***Massachusetts:***

David J. Harris, Chair, Medford; Nazia Ashraful, Malden; Christina Bain, Manchester; Emilio Cruz, Webster; Thomas Cushman, Norfolk; Martha F. Davis, Brookline; Neenah Estrella-Luna, Boston; Daniel W. Hartman, Boston; Eric J. Jepeal, Newton Centre; Wendy Kaminer, Boston; S. Atyia Martin, Boston; Eva A. Millona, Worcester; John J. Sivoletta, Wellesley; Jake Sussman, Belmont; Siobhan M. Sweeney, Arlington; Jessica Tang, Boston.

**Oregon:**

Shoshanah Oppenheim, Chair, resident of Portland; Alison E. Brody, Portland; William M. Curtis, Portland; Laura Eckstein, La Grande; Carl Green, Jr., Portland; Mark David Hall, Newberg; Hannah Holloway, Portland; Albert Lee, Portland; James Posey, Portland; Alejandro Queral, Portland; Andre M. Wang, Happy Valley; Aaron Withe, Salem; Julia Yoshimoto, Lake Oswego.

**South Carolina:**

Theodore Mauro, Chair, Pendleton; Sue Berkowitz, Columbia; Walter R. Caudle, Columbia; Miles Coleman, Greenville; Daniella Ann Cook, Columbia; Mathieu Deflem, Columbia; John Glover, Saint Helena Island; Ebony Green, Columbia; Silverben Mabalot, Summerville; Mark Smith, Columbia; Dori Tempio, Columbia.

**South Dakota:**

Tiffany Graham, Chair, Sioux Falls; Charles T. Abourezk, Rapid City; Paula Antoine, Winner; Sara Frankenstein, Rapid City; Patrick Garry, Vermillion; Taneeza Islam, Sioux Falls; A. Gay Kingman, Rapid City; Brittany Kjerstad McKnight, Brookings; Travis L. Letellier, Vermillion; Mike J. Levsen, Aberdeen; Aaron Pilcher, Huron; Thomas E. Simmons, Vermillion; Natalie Stites Means, Rapid City.

**Virginia:**

K. Shiek Pal, Chair, Arlington, Brenda F. Abdelall, Oakton; Maria L. Almond, Farmville; Jason Brennan, Fairfax; Angela Ciccolo, Ashburn; Edgardo Cortes, Springfield; Ann K. Haney, Charlottesville; William D. Hyde, Springfield; Lisalyn R. Jacobs, Arlington; Binh T. Nguyen, McLean; Arthur Rizer, Alexandria; Ilya Shapiro, Falls Church; Raul D. Vargas, Herndon; Andrew S. Wright, Arlington.

**Washington:** (Interim appointments through June 2020)

Joe-Silem Enlet, Vancouver; Endel Kolde, Kirkland; John Safarli, Woodinville; Brian Screnar, Seattle.

**Wisconsin:**

Bernardo Cueto, Onalaska; William D. Flanders IV, Cudahy; Alexander M. Lodge, Madison; David Nelson, Waukesha; O. Emil Obviagele, Franklin; Pardeep Singh Kaleka, Greendale; William R. Tisdale, Milwaukee; Nancy Tran, Fitchburg; Chris D. Walton, Milwaukee; Chair: vacant.

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