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## **Sunflower Foundation Announces Board Appointments**

The Sunflower Foundation announces two appointments to its Board of Trustees by Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

The appointees are Jay Kennedy of Frankfort and Reggie Robinson of Lawrence.

Kennedy serves as president and CEO of First National Bank in Frankfort. He is also an agent and owner of First Frankfort Insurance.

Kennedy is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Caring Communities Foundation, a newly formed extension of the Community HealthCare System based in Onaga. The organization was formed in December to secure high-quality community-based healthcare in the organization's 10,000 squaremile service area.

Kennedy has previously served as chairman of the board for the Community Bankers Association of Kansas, president of his local rotary club, and a member of the Board of Directors for Leadership Kansas. In addition, Kennedy has been a volunteer football coach at Frankfort High School since 2004.



Jay Kennedy



Reggie Robinson

He is a 1994 graduate of Emporia State University and a 2014 graduate from Barret School of Banking in Memphis, Tenn.

Schmidt appointed Kennedy to a three-year term on the board, which will expire in June 2018.

Schmidt also re-appointed Reggie Robinson of Lawrence to a third three-year



term on the board. Robinson currently chairs the board.

Robinson has served as director of the School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas since 2014, where he is also a professor. Previously, Robinson was a professor at the Washburn University School of Law and president and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents. Robinson also previously served in a number of positions in the U.S. Justice Department, including deputy associate attorney general and acting director of the Office for Victims of Crime. Robinson began his service in the Justice Department as a White House Fellow, and was later appointed to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Additionally, Robinson served as a member of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and as a member of the board of the Vera Institute of Justice, the National Crime Prevention Council, and the National Organization for Victims Assistance.

Robinson earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kansas.

The Sunflower Foundation was formed in 2000 as part of a settlement between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, the Kansas attorney general, and the Kansas insurance commissioner. The foundation supports work to improve the health of Kansans through grant programs, awards and related activities. The nine-member Board of Trustees governs the foundation's work and oversees the long-term goals of the foundation. Eight of the members are appointed by the attorney general, and one member is appointed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

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