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Sunflower Foundation Announces Board Appointments

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

The appointees are Liz Sosa of Garden City, Andrea Krauss of Russell, and Les Lacy of St. Francis. Each will serve a three-year term on the board, expiring in June 2019.

Sosa serves as CEO of Public Square Communities, a business that facilitates citizen-led community development by engaging and mobilizing the education, human services, business and government sectors. She oversees business development, strategic partnerships and leads the organization's housing pilot initiative.

Additionally, Sosa serves on the Western Kansas Community Foundation board and is a former member of the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission. She holds a bachelor's degree in business and leadership from Fort Hays State University.

Schmidt also re-appointed Andrea Krauss of Russell to a second three-year term on the board, which will expire in June 2019. Krauss is secretary and treasurer of John O. Farmer, Inc., and currently serves as the Sunflower board's treasurer.

Schmidt also re-appointed Les Lacy of St. Francis to a third three-year term on the board, which will expire in June 2019. Lacy is vice president for regional operations at the Great Plains Health Alliance, and currently serves as the Sunflower board's secretary.



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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. The voluntary trustees serve three-year terms and can serve up to three terms.

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