



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Three Newest Regents Confirmed

(Topeka, Kansas) - Today the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee approved Dave Murfin of Wichita, Daniel J. Thomas of Mission Hills, and Dennis A. Mullin of Manhattan to the Kansas Board of Regents. Each will serve a four year term. These individuals fill the positions vacated by Fred Logan of Leawood, Kenny Wilk of Basehor, and Robba Moran of Manhattan.

"The work of the Regents is important in ensuring our colleges and universities educate our students and prepare them to successfully enter the workforce," said Governor Brownback at the June 16 announcement of their appointment. "I am grateful to Dave, Daniel and Dennis for their willingness to serve the people of Kansas."

Dave Murfin is the CEO of Murfin, Inc. whose interests include Murfin Drilling Company, Inc. and Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company, one of the largest John Deere construction dealerships in North America. He currently serves on several boards, including the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition, Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Oil & Gas Resources Fund, University of Kansas School of Business Board of Advisors and University of Kansas Endowment.

From the testimony of Regent Murfin: "As a product of Kansas higher education, I feel a great responsibility to uphold the integrity of this 150 year old system."

Daniel J. Thomas, D.D.S. is a board-certified periodontist practicing in the wider Kansas City area. He is active in several professional associations and serves as the Director of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board and the Kansas Arts Foundation Board. Thomas also served as the Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents Oral Health Task Force in 2011 and has won numerous awards including the 2011 Professional Leader of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce and the 2007 Ellis Island Medal of Honor from National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations.

From the testimony of Regent Thomas: "I am committed to the ongoing excellence of higher education in the state of Kansas, thereby improving the lives of Kansans."

Dennis A. Mullin currently serves as Chairman and CEO of Steel and Pipe Supply, one of the largest steel service centers in the nation. He is a member of the Business Advisory Council for the College of Business Administration at Kansas State University, and remains active with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, and Flint Hills Christian School, and is a board member of the Kansas State Bank of Manhattan.

From the testimony of Regent Mullin: "I am very honored to be asked to serve on the Kansas Board of Regents. As a graduate of Pittsburg State University and a resident of Manhattan, KS, I believe in higher education, and see it as an important economic driver for the state."

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (seven public universities, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a program for facilitating and promoting distance learning and telemedicine in schools, libraries and hospitals. Visit the Kansas Board of Regents online at www.kansasregents.org.