



Commissioner Andrew French
Kansas Corporation Commission

Andrew French was appointed to the KCC on June 12, 2020 by Governor Laura Kelly and approved by the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee on June 24, 2020. He served as Chairperson from January 14, 2021 to January 13, 2022. His term expires March 15, 2024.

French currently serves as the Kansas representative to the Southwest Power Pool and regularly participates in various SPP stakeholder groups, including the Regional State Committee (RSC). French currently serves as the 2023 RSC President. He is also one of 10 state utility regulators selected to serve on the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission formed in 2021.

Before his appointment to the KCC, French practiced law with a focus on energy policy and the regulation of utility rates and services. He represented a broad spectrum of energy stakeholders, including large industrial energy customers, local school districts, and a natural gas utility company.

Prior to his work in private practice, French was a staff litigation attorney with the KCC. During his tenure from 2012 to 2017, French held a number of positions within the agency, including Senior Litigation Counsel representing the KCC Staff in litigated administrative proceedings. He also advised the Commission on legal, electric reliability, and cost-recovery issues associated with actions of the Southwest Power Pool, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

French has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas and a Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Kansas School Of Law.

A lifelong Kansan, French is originally from Reno County, where he grew up working on his family's farm. He currently resides in Lenexa, Kansas with his wife and son.



Chair Geri Huser
Iowa Utilities Board

Geri D. Huser was appointed to the Iowa Utilities Board on May 1, 2015, by Gov. Terry Branstad, who also appointed her as Chair, which means she serves as the administrative head of the agency. Huser was reappointed by Gov. Kim Reynolds to a two-year term as Chair through April 30, 2023, and a six-year Board term ending April 30, 2027.

She previously was Director of Iowa Title Guaranty, Iowa's real estate insurance provider. As an attorney, Geri practices in real estate, business, municipal law, and estate planning. She is also a small business owner in Iowa. She served in the Iowa Legislature and on the Altoona City Council for a combined total of 20 years.



Commissioner Will McAdams
Public Utility Commission of Texas

Governor Greg Abbott appointed Will McAdams to serve as a commissioner on the Public Utility Commission of Texas on April 1, 2021 for a term set to expire on September 1, 2025. Before his appointment, Will served as President of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas where he represented the men and women who build Texas, advocating for jobsite safety programs, worker safety training, and promotion of skilled workforce development.

Before joining ABC of Texas, Will served for over 10 years in state government most recently as Advisor to Speaker Dennis Bonnen for Business and Regulated Industries. Prior to joining the Speaker's Staff, Will served in several senior staff positions within the Texas Senate. These included serving as the Director for the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce Chaired by Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills). Will has also served as Legislative Director for Sen. Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown), and as Deputy Director for the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Legislative and Media Relations Director for State Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay).

Before working in the State Capitol, Will served as an infantry officer for four years in the United States Army and retired honorably as a captain. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He and his wife are raising their children in Austin, TX.



Chairman Randel Christmann
North Dakota Public Service Commission

Randy Christmann was elected to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in November 2012 and re-elected in 2018 with a majority of votes in 49 of the 53 counties. He brings to the Commission a background in agriculture, telecommunications, and 18 years in the North Dakota Senate representing energy country. Most of all, he brings what the Minot Daily News called a “let’s work together attitude.”

Outside of government service, Randy operated a 117 year-old third generation cattle ranch west of Hazen, North Dakota. His wife, Bethanie, is a mortgage underwriter with American Bank Center. Before graduating from Hazen High School in 1978, Randy enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard. He also enrolled at North Dakota State University and graduated from there in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Randy was elected to the North Dakota Senate in 1994, helping Republicans achieve majority status in the North Dakota Senate. Governor Ed Schafer appointed Randy to serve as one of the two legislative appointees on the Lignite Research Council. He continued to serve in that position under Governors Hoeven and Dalrymple.

Following the statewide general election in 2000, Senate Republicans chose Randy to serve as their Assistant Majority Leader. He was re-elected to that post every two years through 2012. He also served on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

From 1999 through 2012 the members of West River Telecommunications Cooperative elected Randy to serve as a director. During part of this time Randy also served as the president of the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives.

Randy now brings his agriculture, telecommunications, and energy industry background to the Public Service Commission. He has led the effort to implement rules for future decommissioning and reclamation of wind farms and solar farms, serves as a PSC representative on the Lignite Research Council, and serves as a PSC representative for the multi-state Southwest Power Pool. He is the current chair and his portfolios include:

- Business Operations
- Coal mining, reclamation, and abandoned mine lands
- Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Licensing
- Telecommunications
- SPP/RSC



Vice Chair Kristie Fiegen
South Dakota Public Utility Commission

Kristie Fiegen currently serves as Vice Chair of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. She was appointed to the PUC by Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Aug. 9, 2011, to fill a vacancy on the commission. Kristie was then elected to the commission in November 2012 and re-elected in November 2018. She has served as chairperson of the PUC in 2017 and 2018 and vice chairperson in 2012, 2015, 2016, 2021 and 2022. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas and Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety. Kristie holds leadership positions in the Southwest Power Pool regional transmission organization including serving as the immediate past president of the Regional State Committee and current chairperson of the Regional Allocation Review Task Force, the Improved Resource Availability Task Force, and the RSC Nominating Committee. Kristie provides guidance related to the interests of the public and gas consumers to the Gas Technology Institute as a member of GTI's Public Interest Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the PUC, Kristie was the president of Junior Achievement of South Dakota for 17 years and was recognized as the top Junior Achievement USA President in 2008. Under Kristie's leadership, participation in Junior Achievement increased from 2,400 to more than 44,000 students annually and her team was named among the top eight franchises in the country nine times. Kristie's career also includes serving as the South Dakota area manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for nine years and as a sales representative for Monsanto Company.

Kristie's public service career includes four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives, from 1993 to 2001. While a legislator, she served as chairperson of the House Health and Human Services Committee and the state chairperson of the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Since 2003, Kristie has been appointed by four governors to serve on the South Dakota Court Appointed Special Advocates Committee and currently serves as the chairperson. She has been active in Rotary, the United Way and Toastmasters, is a Junior Achievement volunteer and an active member of Central Church.

Kristie earned a bachelor's degree in commercial economics and agricultural business from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. She grew up on her family's farm near Chancellor, South Dakota, and is a graduate of Parker High School. Kristie and her husband, Tim, live in Pierre and Sioux Falls and have two grown sons, Alexander (wife McKenna) and Jackson. Kristie is passionate about hosting family and friends, attending sporting events, and walking in faith through Christ.



Commissioner Mike Francis
Louisiana Public Service Commission

Born in Jena, the seat of La Salle Parish in north Louisiana, Mike grew up in Jena and attended Jena public schools. Mike played as a Jena Giant on the local high school football team. Mike went on to work in the oilfield as a roughneck and later became a mud engineer. He went on to start his own business. Francis became successful in the oil drilling fluid business from his base in south Louisiana. His company was based in Crowley, the seat of Acadia Parish, a rice-growing region in southwestern Louisiana, which produced two of the state's political giants of the late 20th century, Democrats Edwin Edwards and John B. Breaux. Francis is the past founder and chief executive officer of Francis Drilling Fluids, Ltd. FDF, one of the oldest drilling fluids companies on the Gulf Coast. He employed nearly 500 people at locations in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Wyoming and throughout the country. The corporate headquarters is still located in Crowley.

Mike became chairman of the Republican Party in Louisiana from 1994 to 2000. A staunch fiscal and social conservative, Francis was an unsuccessful candidate for Secretary of State of Louisiana in a special election held on September 30, 2006. "I will work to ensure the right to vote. I will fight to stop voter fraud, vote buying, and vote stealing," Francis vowed in his campaign for secretary of state.

Mike was elected to the Public Service Commission in November of 2016; current term ends December 31, 2028. His campaign was based on bringing his successful business experience and expertise to the Public Service Commission.

Mike is married to Sheila Stevens Francis and is the father of two sons Bryan and Mackey. He has a whole bunch of grandkids.



Chairman Todd Hiatt
Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Todd Hiatt is married to Bridget Hiatt and they have three children, Jimmy, John and Hillary. The Hiatt family lives on a ranch two miles south of Kellyville. Hiatt graduated from Oklahoma State University.

Hiatt was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1994 at the age of twenty-seven. Hiatt quickly ascended into leadership and was selected by his colleagues to be House Minority Leader in November of 2002. Two years later, he led the state House Republicans to their first majority in eight decades and their largest victory in nearly a half-century. Marking a historic shift in power at the Capitol, Hiatt was chosen the first Republican Speaker of the House in more than eight decades.

During his first year as Speaker, Hiatt oversaw a smooth transition as House Republicans ascended to power with a bold agenda. The new Speaker pushed through the largest tax cut in state history, the most significant right-to-life legislation in thirty years, an innovative highway-funding bill and significant education reforms, collectively known as the ACE Initiative, which raised the bar for curriculum standards and graduation requirements in Oklahoma.

After a successful twelve years in the Oklahoma Legislature, Speaker Hiatt worked eight years with various entities in the manufacturing, navigation and energy industries. In this role, Hiatt enjoyed the opportunity to work with many pro-growth companies such as Webco Industries and Callidus Technologies to strengthen and expand their ability to provide jobs.

Most recently, Hiatt was elected to serve as Chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, effective April 1, 2019.

Bridget Hiatt teaches at Kellyville Elementary. Sons Jimmy and John are graduates of Oklahoma State University. Daughter Hillary is a junior at Oklahoma State University. The Hiatts attend First Baptist Church of Kellyville.

Todd and Bridget continue to operate a ranch south of Kellyville, and Todd serves on the board of directors for SpiritBank and as a member of the SpiritBank Corp. Holding Co.



Commissioner Chuck Hutchison
Nebraska Power Review Board

Mr. Hutchison was originally appointed to the Power Review Board on May 10, 2017, and confirmed by the Legislature on May 23, 2017. Governor Ricketts appointed him to a second term on January 2, 2021, and was confirmed by the Legislature on March 31, 2021. His current term of office will expire on January 1, 2025. He is one of the Board's two designated lay members. Mr. Hutchison lives in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Mr. Hutchison served in the Navy for 28 years; first as a nuclear-trained submarine officer and later supporting overseas contingency operations from U.S. Cyber Command. He leads the Advanced Warfare Implementation branch at the U.S. Strategic Command. His responsibilities include developing partnerships and obtaining funding for demonstrations and tests to accelerate fielding of warfighting capabilities.

Mr. Hutchison is a graduate of California State University at Northridge, where he received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He also received a M.S. in Engineering Management from the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Hutchison has been involved in the Bellevue community for over 25 years. He is a local real estate investor and has served in various community leadership roles while supporting various ministries at his church.



Commissioner Scott Rupp
Missouri Public Service Commission

Scott T. Rupp was sworn in at the Missouri Public Service Commission in April of 2014. Previously he served two terms in the Missouri State Senate from 2006-2014, and two terms as a State Representative from 2003-2006.

Before his career in public service, Commissioner Rupp founded a college preparatory company, where he assisted parents of high school students in preparing their children for college. Upon his election to the Missouri Senate, he sold his businesses and took a position with UMB Bank, where he served as vice president of business development.

Commissioner Rupp earned his Master of Science degree in Energy and Sustainability through the University of Denver, his MBA from Lindenwood University and his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri. Scott is a member of the 2017 graduating class of the National Renewable Energy Labs' Executive Leadership Program.



Commissioner Justin Tate
Arkansas Public Service Commission

Justin Tate of Little Rock was appointed to the Public Service Commission by Governor Asa Hutchinson in January of 2019.

Prior to his appointment, he served in Governor Asa Hutchinson's Office as the Governor's Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, Chief Legal Counsel, and Director of Rules and Regulatory Affairs.

Commissioner Tate received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt University Law School. He is licensed to practice law in Arkansas.

Commissioner Tate is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He serves on the Committee on Gas.



Commissioner John Tuma
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

John Tuma was initially appointed to the Public Utilities Commission by Governor Mark Dayton, effective February 2, 2015. He was reappointed by Governor Tim Walz on March 30, 2021. Commissioner Tuma has served as the Commission liaison with the State's regulated utilities regarding cyber security protocols. He also represents Minnesota as a member of the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool, the regional transmission organization for Western Minnesota and several other states of the Great Plains. He takes an active role in the Commission's operations and budgeting along with serving as chairman of the Staff Wellness Committee. He also serves on the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Tuma had decades of experience working on energy and conservation policy issues for a variety of nongovernmental organizations. Immediately prior to being named to the Commission, he served as a Government Relations Associate with Conservation Minnesota. He helped lead efforts to pass key energy legislation, including Minnesota's Mercury Emissions Reduction Act and Renewable Energy Standard – both of which garnered broad bipartisan support. He also served many other clients previously as a legislative policy liaison, most notably the Minnesota Inter-County Association covering areas of public safety and corrections.

Commissioner Tuma served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1995 to 2002, representing parts of Rice, Le Sueur, Scott, and Dakota counties. During his time in the House, he served as Chair of the Crime Prevention Committee and as Vice Chair of the Local Government Committee. While in the Legislature, Tuma was an active member of Judiciary Finance, Higher Education Finance, and Environment Policy committees. As a member of the House, Tuma was awarded Legislator of the Year by ARC of Minnesota, the state's largest disability organization; PACER, an organization defending the rights of the disabled in education; the Minnesota League of Conservation Voters; and the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW.

Commissioner Tuma has practiced law in Northfield, Minnesota in the areas of workers' compensation, criminal law, real estate, business organization and litigation, special education law, and personal injury litigation. He was Managing Attorney for Tuma and Thompson LLC from 1994 to 2001 in partnership with former Minnesota State Senator Dave Thompson.

Commissioner Tuma is married to Wendy Tuma, lives in Northfield, and has two adult children, Cal and Molly. He earned his B.A. from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and his J.D. from the University Of Minnesota Law School.

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