

Promise Zone Authority Board Appointments

Legislative Appointments

Norman Braddock, appointed by Speaker of the House Andy Dillon.

Jimmy Greene, appointed by Majority Leader of the Senate Mike Bishop

Superintendent Appointments

David Gamez, President/CEO of Health Delivery, Inc., has demonstrated a strong and lasting commitment to Saginaw Public Schools. He would serve as the liaison between the Saginaw Public Schools Foundation and the Promise Zone Authority Board. A graduate of Saginaw High and a Saginaw High Distinguished Alumnus, he is a member of the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Trustees.

Kimberly Houston-Philpot, Global Community Relations Director & President of the Dow Corning Foundation, is the chair of the Delta College Board of Trustees and has been involved in a number of cooperative projects involving Dow Corning and SPS.

John Humphreys, Vice President and Principal Attorney, Humphreys, Campbell, Dust & Humphreys. serves as Secretary and Trustee for the Wickson-Link Foundation, the Alice Turner Memorial Foundation, the Nickless Memorial Foundation, the SVSU Foundation, Brunkow Memorial Trust and the Saginaw Home Builders Trust. He is Past President and current Board Member of the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum and Director of the Saginaw County Bar Association.

Brian Pruitt, motivational speaker and youth minister, is a 1991 graduate of Arthur Hill High School and former All-American football player at Central Michigan University, Mr. Pruitt has a degree in communications and travels the country and world as a motivational speaker and life coach. His clients include youth, adults, businesses, churches, sports teams, colleges, high schools, middle schools and elementary schools.

Joyce Seals, former Mayor of the City of Saginaw and current city council member, has accepted an invitation to serve on the Authority Board. Mrs. Seals is a committed public servant and community leader, and passionate public school advocate. She is a graduate of Saginaw High.

Diane Scorsone, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Delta College, has agreed to represent Delta and President Jean Goodnow on the Authority Board. A University of Michigan graduate, Mrs. Scorsone has over 20 years of experience in the financial aid office at Delta. She has been involved with the Delta Promise scholarship program for many years.

Kathryn Spence has a wealth of fundraising and organizational leadership experience in the Saginaw community. She has been a financial consultant with Smith Barney and Thompson McKinnon Securities, Executive Director of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, Director of Alumni Relations and Associate Development Officer at SVSU, Area Executive Director of the American Cancer Society, and Director of Convention and Group Business Marketing for the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Dr. Mamie Thorns, Assistant to the President, Saginaw Valley State University, has agreed to represent President Eric Gilbertson and SVSU on the Authority Board. Dr. Thorns has worked collaboratively with Saginaw Schools on many programs and initiatives over the years.

James W. Woolfolk, Jr., a member of the Saginaw Board of Education since 1983 has agreed to serve on the Authority Board when his term expires on Dec. 31, 2009.

These eleven individuals will comprise a solid, balanced, experienced and enthusiastic Promise Zone Authority Board. Each has expressed an eagerness to serve and each brings an impressive set of skills to the project.