Governor Reynolds Signs Executive Order 6 Establishing the Governor’s Economic Recovery Advisory Board

**Executive Order.** Governor Kim Reynolds signed [Executive Order 6](https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/EO6%20-%20Economic%20Recovery%20Advisory%20Board.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) on June 18, 2020, establishing the Economic Recovery Advisory Board. The Board is to serve as the central point of coordination for State activities related to the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Board.** The Board consists of a chairperson, the State’s Chief Economist, and additional members appointed by the Governor. Each appointed member will serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation. The Governor made the following initial appointments:

* Ben McLean, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ruan Transportation Management Systems (Advisory Board Chairperson)
* Nick Bowdish, President and CEO of Elite Octane
* Mary Andringa, Chairperson of the Board of Vermeer
* Randy Edeker, CEO of Hy-Vee
* Rosalind Fox, Factory Manager at John Deere
* Suresh Gunasekaran, CEO of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
* Dan Houston, Chairperson, President, and CEO of Principal Financial Group
* A.J. Loss, CEO of Bush Construction
* Megan McKay, President of Peace Tree Brewing Company
* Emily Schmitt, General Counsel of Sukup Manufacturing
* Barbara Sloniker, Executive Vice President at the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce
* Adam Wright, President and CEO of MidAmerican Energy Company
* Diane Young, Director of Technical Services/Owner at Foundation Analytical Laboratory

**Working Groups.** The Governor will appoint working groups to assist the Board in coordinating a comprehensive recovery and growth effort. The chairpersons of the working groups and any other additional members the Governor appoints will serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation. The following working groups will be established:

* Agriculture
* Connectivity
* Economic Growth
* Education
* Government
* Public Health and Healthcare
* Expanding Iowa’s Workforce

**Meetings.** The Board will hold public meetings as scheduled by the chairperson of the Board.

**Staff and Support.** Staffing and administrative assistance for the Board will be provided by the Office of the Governor and by other agencies, persons, or organizations as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board or the Office of the Governor.

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