

Members of the Job Creation Committee and Corresponding Bios

Deborah Frye (Chair) is the Executive Director of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. The agency facilitates licensing Hoosiers in over 38 professions, including healthcare professionals, CPAs, engineers, and real estate agents.

Deborah has extensive experience working in state government. She worked for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, where she was Deputy State Fire Marshal before advancing to become Director of Fire Code Enforcement. Deborah received her bachelor's degree in Fire Science and Behavior from Southern Technical College in Florida. She is also a certified first class firefighter.

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Ben French is a business coach through FocalPoint Coaching. Ben coaches high level executives and focus on business growth and/or succession planning. As past owner and president of KTC Promotional Products Inc. during the 30 plus years in his business career, Ben specialized in online company stores both domestic and international.

Ben has always been committed to serving his community whether it was as a volunteer or serving on various boards. Ben is currently serving as Board Member for Henry Community Hospital Foundation Board. He has served in the past as Board member of Henry County REMC, Henry County Community Foundation, and Henry County Public Library and is very active in his church.

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Barbara Quandt is the Indiana State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). A small business owner and NFIB member for over twenty years, Barbara Quandt represented NFIB in the state capital as well as in Washington, D.C. She was also the president and founder of Danville and Brownsburg World Travel agencies, and later, the president and co-founder of The Quandt Group, Inc., a public relations and crisis management consulting firm.

Born in Venezuela and raised in Northport, New York, Quandt has called Indiana her home since she arrived in Indianapolis to attend Butler University. Barbara Quandt is the mother of five.

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Richard Wilson has over 25 years combined service to our nation. Currently, he serves as the Executive Officer for the Director of Office of Audit Readiness at the U.S. Department of Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Prior to joining the Defense Department, Richard served in the US Army with the 3rd Armored Division in the NATO Defense of Europe and Persian Gulf War. After leaving active duty, he served 16 years in various positions on the staff of U.S. Representative Dan Burton. He has served on several corporate and non-profit boards and is currently the President of the City of Lawrence Police Merit Commission. He is also the Treasurer of the Federated Campaign Stewards, a non-profit organization that runs

charitable giving campaigns for federal government agencies in five states, and a Board Member of the Indiana War Memorials Foundation, a private 501 non-profit that supports the Indiana War Memorials and Museums.

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John Wright is a Certified Public Accountant in Indiana and a Managing Director in the Evansville office of BKD, LLP. John has been involved in the taxation of public and private enterprises for over 35 years. He holds a Master of Science in Taxation with distinction from Grand Valley State University and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Evansville.

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Allen K. Pope is the Chief Counsel and Director of the Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for the Indiana Office of the Attorney General. He is also a faculty member of Indiana Wesleyan University and serves as an adjunct professor of IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

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Joseph Habig is the Assistant Director of Health and Human Services for the State Budget Agency/Office of Management and Budget. Prior to his current role, Joseph was the budget analyst assigned to state agencies that included: FSSA, DVA, IURC and INDOT. Before joining SBA, Joseph served as a legal assistant and deputy bookkeeper for the Indiana Senate. He holds a Masters in Public Affairs from Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

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Lori Duncan is a Registered Nurse in Indiana and has been working for 30 years after graduating from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She has worked almost exclusively in Surgical Services as a staff nurse and as a Department Manager at facilities including Deaconess Hospital, Riverview Health and Community North Surgery Center.