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Lindon Joins SKED General Membership

SOMERSET, Ky. – Dr. Jennifer Lindon, president and CEO of Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) in Hazard, Ky., was elected to the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development (SKED) Corporation’s General Membership Board in April.

The 25-member board is composed of some of the region’s best and brightest leaders from the banking, education, business, utility and economic development industries. Members serve as at-large liaisons for the nonprofit economic development organization at home in their respective communities.



DR. JENNIFER LINDON

“I am pleased to be a part of an organization that ties in so closely to the mission of HCTC,” Dr. Lindon said. “SKED and HCTC will continue our work together to create viable employment and training opportunities in the region.”

In this its 32nd year of service to a 45-county service region in Southeast Kentucky, the SKED Board of Directors has installed four new members to its General Membership Board. They include: Dr. Lindon, Scott Roush, with Summit Aviation; Terry Spears, with Community Bank & Trust; and Steve Allen, with University of the Cumberlands.

Dr. Lindon is a Southeast Kentucky native and was selected the first female president of HCTC in 2016. She earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration (with an accounting option) from Morehead State University (MSU). She also earned her master’s degree in business administration at MSU, along with over 18 specialization hours in computer information systems and management. In 2010, Dr. Lindon received her doctoral degree in Community College

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Leadership from Mississippi State University. She has private industry experience in healthcare, small business and distribution and logistics, has one son and resides in Hazard.

SKED Executive Director Brett Traver says Lindon has played a key role in several SKED projects in Southeast Kentucky.

“Dr. Lindon has been instrumental in several important SKED projects, over the past two years,” Traver said. “She believes in our mission and the programs we offer across our region.”

The four new inductees join 21 other members on the board. They include Corey Craig, president of Citizens Bank of Mt. Vernon; Ben Sams, account executive with Cisco Systems; Praetorian Standard Inc. Project Manager David Blakeman; Somerset CPA Shirley Gifford; Lake Cumberland Area Development District Director Darryl McGaha as at-large director; Charlene Harris, president and CEO of First National Bank of Russell Springs; Virginia Flanagan, special assistant to the President of Campbellsville University; Tim Barnes, president and CEO of Hometown Bank; Daryl Smith, economic development project manager with Kentucky Utilities; Tim Gibbs, president and CEO of Ashland Alliance and Carol Wright, president and CEO of Jackson Energy Cooperative and Bruce Carpenter, Corbin Economic Development Agency executive director;

Rodney Hitch, East Kentucky Power economic development manager; Josh Branscum, Branscum Construction Co. executive vice-president; David Ledford, Boneal, Inc., Executive VP; Billy Hough, Kentucky Bank market President; Tim Dalton, Monticello Banking Company commercial lender; Denise Thomas, Big Sandy ADD Community & Economic Development Associate; Bob Helton, Morehead Rowan County Economic Development Corp. executive director; Ron McMahan, Team Taylor County executive director; Mike Trosper, London-Laurel County Industrial Development Authority member

SKED is a non-profit economic development organization and a Certified Development Corporation (CDC). The organization was formed 32 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southeast Kentucky.

SKED’s offices are based in Somerset, serving a 45-county service region. A staff of nine professionals works with business owners, small and large, to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion and working capital needs, and provide them the technical assistance and training they need to succeed. For more information about SKED, visit our website: www.southeastkentucky.com or call (606) 677-6100.