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Lindon is Newest SKED Board Director

SOMERSET, Ky. – One of the most influential women in Eastern Kentucky’s higher education ranks has been selected as the newest director on the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation’s (SKED) Board of Directors.

Dr. Jennifer Lindon, president and CEO of Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) located in Hazard, Ky., was elected to the nonprofit’s volunteer board in April.

She joins the 12-member board composed of some of the region’s best and brightest leaders from the banking, education, business, utility and economic development industries. Now in its 33rd year of service to the region, SKED’s outreach in Eastern Kentucky has become paramount to its mission. Lindon will play a key role in that goal.



DR. JENNIFER LINDON

“I am honored to serve on the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation’s (SKED) Board of Directors,” Dr. Lindon said. “SKED and Hazard Community and Technical College have common goals. Both want to assist the region in prospering through our work in economic and workforce development. By serving on SKED’s board, I will work to ensure that we are continuing our work together to strengthen the region.”

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 welcomes Lindon to the board.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Lindon join our board of directors,” Traver said. “She believes in our mission and the programs we offer across our region. I look forward to working with her and getting some valuable feedback on our programs going forward.”

Lindon joins the following SKED directors: Corey Craig, president of Citizens Bank of Mt. Vernon; Four Arrows Consulting, Inc. President/CEO David Blakeman; Lake Cumberland Area Development District Director Darryl McGaha; 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; Carol Wright, president and CEO of Jackson Energy Cooperative; Bruce Carpenter, Corbin Economic Development Agency executive director and Scott Roush, director of manufacturing at Summit Aviation in Somerset.

SKED is a non-profit economic development organization and a Certified Development Corporation (CDC). The organization was formed 33 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southeast Kentucky. Its offices are based in Somerset, serving a 45-county service region. Nine professionals work 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.