



Governor appoints nine from region to state boards

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INDIANAPOLIS | Gov. Mike Pence recently appointed several Northwest Indiana residents to various state boards and commissions.

They included:

* **Laura Smith-Wynn**, founder and executive director of the Indiana Parenting Institute in Gary, to a two-year term on the Kids First Trust Fund Board of Directors.

The fund, which sponsors the "Kids First" license plate, distributes money raised by plate sales to groups working to reduce infant mortality and seeking to prevent child abuse or neglect.

* **Kevin Roach**, of Munster, business manager at Laborers International Union Local 41, and Winfield-area developer David Lasco to four-year terms on the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board.

The board is the governing body of Indiana's Law Enforcement Training Academy in Plainfield.

* **Laurie Mullet**, CEO of Pines Village Retirement Communities in Valparaiso, and Edward Gottschling, former Portage city councilman, to four-year terms on the Commission on Aging.

The panel studies problems relating to the aged and aging in the state.

* **David Olivencia**, a technology executive originally from Whiting, and **Frances Vega-Steele**, associate vice chancellor of student affairs at Ivy Tech Community College in Michigan City, to four-year terms on the Governor's Commission on Minority and Women Business Enterprises.

The commission is tasked with ensuring businesses owned by minorities and women participate in the state's procurement system.

* **Cynthia Walsh**, a Crown Point financial adviser, to a three-year term on the Indiana Bond Bank Board of Directors.

The Bond Bank, headed by State Treasurer Richard Mourdock, helps local governments borrowing money obtain lower interest rates by pooling debt from many cities and towns into a single bond sold on the open market.

* **John Doherty**, a Munster physical therapist and athletic trainer, as well as sports medicine columnist for The Times Media Co., to a four-year term on the Athletic Trainers Certification Board.

The board licenses and sets standards for Indiana athletic trainers in accordance with national education requirements for athletic trainers.