

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 11:45 a.m. on May 3, 2010, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Faust-Goudeau - excused  
Senator Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Marilyn Arnone, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Daniel Watkins, nominee for Kansas Bioscience Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Brownlee welcomed Daniel Watkins to the meeting and asked him to tell the committee about his background. Mr. Watkins is an attorney with a Juris Doctorate degree from Kansas University. He lives in Lawrence, Kansas, and has been in private practice there for over 20 years.

Mr. Watkins has served the Kansas Insurance Department and Shawnee County Kansas District Court; has been Chief Counsel to Kansas Secretary of Transportation; Chief Administrative Assistant to Governor John Carlin; Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the Kansas Attorney General's Office; and helped found Foresight Resources Corp., a software development and marketing company in Lawrence. He has been a lobbyist for gaming legislation. His term is just finishing as Chairman of the KDFA. Recently, he represented the City of Lawrence in the acquisition of a 460 acre tract of land for development as a bioscience campus. Mr. Watkins represented Sac and Fox and the Kickapoo tribe when they were negotiating a gaming facility. He now represents the casino to be located at the Kansas Speedway. (Attachment 1)

Senator Lynn asked if he represented the Tribal Association in 2006. Mr. Watkins said that Governor Graves asked him to investigate building a destination casino in Kansas City. He represented the Sac and Fox and Kickapoo tribes as they negotiated a compact with the governor. It was presented to the legislature, but didn't get beyond a hearing. Senator Lynn asked if he currently represented any tribe in reference to gaming. The answer was no. Senator Lynn asked if other attorneys were on the Bioscience Board and the answer was no.

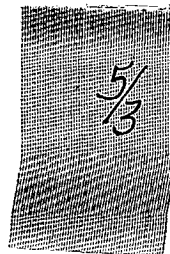
Senator Lynn asked Mr. Watkins why he was interested in joining the Kansas Bioscience Authority. Mr. Watkins believes this is where the future economic engine of Kansas can be, the legislature's vision of setting up the Authority has gone a long way toward that goal. He thinks that jobs will be created, and discovery through commercialization can develop an economic base that helps Kansas in ways that few other things could.

Chairperson Brownlee had asked Tom Thornton for a summary of qualifications for current board members. Chairperson Brownlee had been a part of the development of the Bioscience Authority and it is important to be sure all statutory qualifications are met by members of the Authority. She asked Mr. Watkins if he had any experience in the bioscience area. He said he has been working with the Douglas County Bioscience project for several years. If there was a conflict of interest issue, he would recuse himself from voting on the Bioscience board.

In response to Senator Wagle's questions, Mr. Watkins responded that the gambling contractors he worked with at Sumner Gaming & Resorts in 2008 was Harrah's who partnered with a group from Topeka. He indicated he had not been asked to renew that contract, and if asked, he would decline.

Senator Lynn asked Mr. Watkins what he thought he could contribute to the Kansas Bioscience board. He said he has always been so involved in activities that he participates in that he usually winds up being the chairman. He takes his involvements very seriously. He likes working on projects that makes things happen. He knows several members of the committee and can work well with them.

Senator Kelsey moved that the nomination of Daniel Watkins to the Kansas Bioscience Authority be passed favorably out of committee. Senator Reitz seconded and the motion carried with one dissenting vote. Senator



CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Commerce Committee at 11:45 a.m. on May 3, 2010, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

Lynn commented that she was concerned about approving a nomination for the Bioscience Authority given Mr. Watkins current employment and background as a gaming lobbyist. She also questioned why his background would be applicable to a bioscience board.

Chairperson Brownlee thanked Mr. Watkins for coming before the committee.

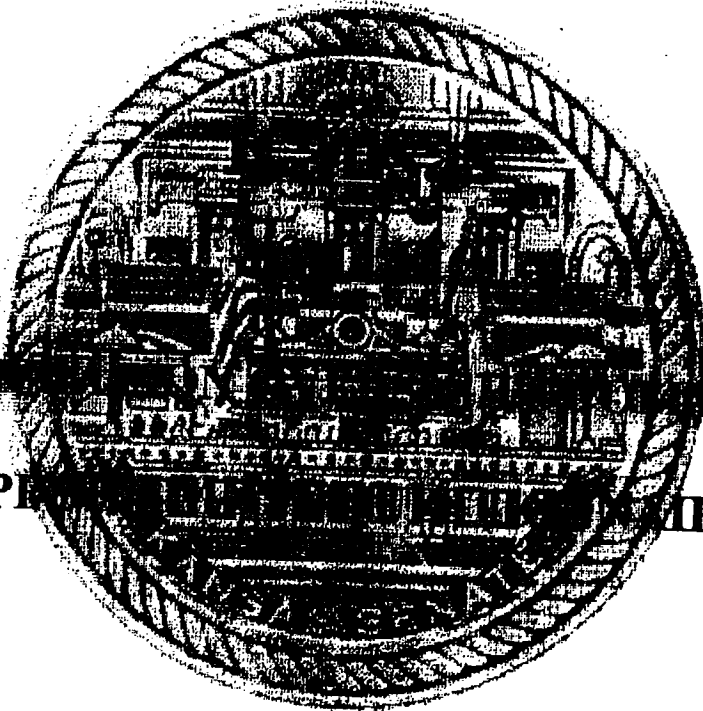
Chairperson Brownlee asked for approval of the April 28, 2010 committee minutes. Senator Emler so moved. Senator Lynn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 5-3-10

NAME	REPRESENTING
Whitney Damon	WBD, PA.
Lindsay Holwick	Kansas Bioscience Authority
Anthony Damon	Strategic Communications of KS
Dan Williams	
Sean Miller	CAPITOL STRATEGIES



CONFIDENTIAL  
APPOINTMENT  
COMMITTEE  
OFFICE

Full Name: Daniel Lawrence Watkins  
(please include title and middle name along with any names previously used)

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Home Address: 643 Indiana Lawrence, KS 66044  
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position to which Appointed: Kansas Bioscience Authority

Appointing Authority: Senate Minority Leader, Senator Anthony Hensley

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Senate Commerce Committee  
Date: May 3, 2010  
Attachment # 1-1

(for Committee use only)

KBI Check: N/A \_\_\_ In-Process \_\_\_ Complete \_\_\_  
DOR Check: N/A \_\_\_ In-Process \_\_\_ Complete \_\_\_

This Questionnaire is to be fully completed by each appointee appearing before the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee (Committee) and returned to the Committee Chairman's Office. A meeting of the Committee to consider an appointee will not be scheduled until a completed questionnaire and other forms are received by the Chairman. Please answer each question completely to the best of your knowledge. Should a question not be applicable, please so state. Hand-written responses are strongly discouraged. If filling out this form electronically, "☐" should be replaced with "X" by the appropriate response on the form. Please contact your appointing authority if you have questions when completing the form.

Full Name: Daniel Lawrence Watkins

(please include title and middle name along with any names previously used)

Position to which Appointed: Kansas Bioscience Authority

Appointing Authority: Senate Minority Leader, Senator Anthony Hensley

Home Address: 643 Indiana Lawrence, KS 66044  
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

Business Name: Law Office of Dan Watkins

Business Address: 4311 W 6th St Ste C Lawrence, KS 66049  
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

Position Title: Attorney

Home Phone: 785-842-8794 Business Phone: 785-843-0181 Cell Phone: 785-979-2518

Fax Number: 785-749-5652 E-Mail Address: danwatkins@sunflower.com

Kansas resident?  Yes /  No Date of Birth: 09/02/47 Place of Birth: Kansas City, MO

Registered Voter? Yes Party Affiliation: Democrat

Congressional District: 3rd Kansas Senate District: 2nd Kansas Representative District: 45

Do you have the legal right to live and work in the United States?  Yes /  No

**Please answer the following questions numbered 1 – 43. Each question MUST BE ANSWERED ON THIS ORIGINAL FORM. If the answers the question are provided on your resume, please state "See Resume" or if you supply additional attachment(s) with answers, please state "See Attachment(s)" on this form.**

1. What is your educational background? See resume
2. Describe your employment experience. Include any expertise related to the position to which you were appointed. See resume

3. List any professional licenses that you have obtained and include the number for each license.  
See resume
4. Why do you feel you are a good candidate for the position to which you have been appointed?  
Experience as attorney in business transactions and in government in executive branch and member of Kansas Development Finance Authority
5. What do you see as the purpose or mission of the role to which you have been appointed?  
To work with other KBA Board members and staff in realizing KBA mission in the research, development and commercialization of robust bioscience industry in Kansas
6. **Military Service:** List rank, date and type of discharge from active service.  
None
7. **Government Experience:** List any experience or association with local, state or federal government (exclusive of elective public office but including advisory, consulting, honorary, appointed or other part-time service or positions) and include dates of service.  
None See resume
8. **Elective Public Office:** List all elective public offices sought and/or held with dates of service.  
None
9. **Campaigns:** Have you ever played a role or held a position in a political campaign? If so, please identify the candidate(s), the dates of the campaign and describe your involvement.  
No Yes See attached list
10. **Honors and Awards:** List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.  
None Academic and Athletic Scholarships to St. Mary of the Plains College
11. **Organization Affiliations:** List all civic, cultural, educational, charitable, or work-related organizations that you have been associated with in the past ten years. Include any position held in the organization and the dates of service.  
None See resume
12. **Organization Restrictions:** To your knowledge, is any organization listed above restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status or veteran status? If so, please describe.  
No Yes
13. **Issues:** Have you ever been publicly identified, in person or by organizational membership, with a particularly controversial national or local issue? If so, please describe.  
No Yes South Lawrence Trafficway--Lawrence issue
14. **Submission of Views:** Have you ever submitted oral or written views to any governmental authority, whether executive or legislative, or to the news media on any particularly controversial issue other than in an official governmental capacity? If so, please describe.  
No Yes
15. **Associations:** Have you ever had any association with any person, group or business venture that could be used, even unfairly, to impugn or attack your character and qualifications for the position to which you seek to be appointed? If so, please describe.  
No Yes

16. **Opposition:** Do you know of any person or group who might take overt or covert steps to attack, even unfairly, your appointment? If so, please identify and explain the basis for the potential attack.  
 No  Yes
17. **Miscellaneous:** List any factors, other than the information provided above, which particularly qualifies you or is relevant to the position to which you are seeking appointment? Include any special skills. See resume  
 None
18. **Relationship to Governmental Employees:** Are you or your spouse or other close family members related to any state governmental official or employee? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes
19. **Compensation:** During the past five years, have you or your spouse or other close family members received any compensation or been involved in any financial transaction with the State of Kansas? If so, please explain. Some compensation from the Kansas Insurance Department for representation on various matters.  
 No  Yes
20. **Business Relationships:** Describe any business relationship, dealing or financial transaction which you have had during the last five years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client or acting as an agent, which you believe may constitute an appearance of impropriety or result in a potential conflict of interest in the position to which you want to be appointed. If none, please so state.  
 None
21. **Transactions with Officials:** During the past five years, have you or your spouse or other close family members received any compensation or been involved in any financial transaction with any state government official? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
22. **Spouse or Other Family Members:** If the nature of employment for your spouse or other close family member is related in any way to the position to which you have been appointed, please indicate the employer, the position and the length of time it has been held. If not, please so state.  
 No  Yes
23. **Lobbying Activities:** Describe any lobbying activity during the past ten years in which you and/or your spouse have engaged for the purpose of influencing the passage, defeat or modification of any legislative or administrative action. Lobbying activity includes any activity performed as an individual or agent of another individual, or of any organization that involves direct communication with an official in the executive branch of state government or any official of the legislative branch. If none, please so state. See attached list  
 None
24. **Regulated Activities:** Describe any interest that you, your spouse or other close family member may have (whether as an officer, owner, director, trustee, or partner) in any corporation, firm, partnership or other business enterprise and any non-profit organization or other institution that is regulated by or receives direct financial benefits from any department or agency of the State of Kansas. If none, please so state.  
 None

25. **Other:** Please describe any other matter in which you are involved that is or may be incompatible or in conflict with the discharge of the duties of the position to which you have been appointed or which may impair or tend to impair your independence of judgment or action in the performance of the duties of that position. If none, please so state.  
None
26. **Conflict of Interest:** How would you resolve any potential conflicts of interest that, while maybe unforeseen at this point in time, could arise? I would consult with counsel for the KBA about any potential conflict and possibly outside counsel for advice. Disclose any matters prior to a vote which could be perceived as a conflict with a statement regarding voting or abstention.
27. **Citations:** Have you ever been cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct, or been named in a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please provide details. Fred Phelps filed a complaint to the  
No Yes Disciplinary Administrator in 1978 about my work in the Attorney General's office on a matter regarding a proceeding on his conduct. The complaint against me was dismissed without a hearing.
28. **Convictions:** Have you ever been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a traffic infraction? (Please include any offenses of driving under the influence, operating while impaired, reckless driving, or the equivalent offenses in other states.) If so, please explain.  
No Yes
29. **U.S. Military Convictions:** Have you ever been convicted by any military court? If so, please provide details.  
No Yes
30. **Imprisonment:** Have you ever been imprisoned, been on probation or been on parole? If so, please provide details.  
No Yes
31. **Agency Proceedings/Civil Litigation:** Are you presently, or have you ever been, a party in interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation that is related in any way to the position to which you are seeking appointment? If so, please provide details.  
No Yes
32. **Agency Proceedings and Civil Litigation of Affiliates and Family:** a.) Is your spouse or other close family member currently, or ever been, a party in interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation that is related in any way to the position to which you are seeking appointment? If so, please provide details.  
No Yes
- b.) Has any business in which you, your spouse, close family member or business associate are or were an officer, director or partner been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position to which you are seeking appointment? If so, please provide details. (With respect to this question, you need only consider proceedings and litigation that occurred while you, your spouse, close family member, or business associate were an officer of that business.)  
No Yes



33. **Other Litigation:** a.) Other than the litigation described in question 32, have you or any business in which you are or were an officer, director, or partner been a plaintiff or a defendant in a civil lawsuit? If so, please describe. Defendant in a lawsuit while employed at KDOT. Employee claimed race discrimination in employment matter. Selection committee for position was sued personally, as well as agency. Matter was settled and dismissed.  
 No  Yes  
 b.) Are you aware of any pending or anticipated litigation against you or any business in which you are an officer, director, or partner? If so, please describe.  
 No  Yes
34. **Drivers License:** Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? If so, please describe. Renewal notice was sent to 543 Indiana rather than 643 Indiana address. Reinstated upon renewal after notice of suspension.  
 No  Yes
35. **Parking Tickets:** Do you have outstanding parking tickets from any jurisdiction that have remained unpaid for more than 60 days? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
36. **Security Clearance Denial:** Have you ever been denied a military or other governmental clearance? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
37. **Firings:** a.) During the past ten years, have you been fired from a job for any reason? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes  
 b.) During the past ten years, have you quit a job after being told that you would be fired? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes  
 c.) During the past ten years, did you leave a job by mutual agreement because of specific problems? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
38. **Alimony and Child Support:** Are you now, or have you ever been, delinquent in the payment of alimony or child support? If so, please explain  
 No  Yes
39. **Consumption of Alcohol:** Have you ever or are you currently abusing alcohol? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
40. **Controlled Substances:** Have you ever or are you currently engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abusing the use of a prescribed controlled substance? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes Minor marijuana use as a youth
41. **Physical Examination:** If you receive a conditional offer of appointment or employment, would you be willing to take a physical examination, which may include a drug test?  
 No  Yes

42. **Governmental Delinquencies:** Are you delinquent in the payment of any obligation owed to the federal or state government or any political or taxing subdivision or any instrumentality thereof? (Include delinquencies in the payment of: Income, property, or other taxes; exactions, fees or special assessments; loans, including any defaults, on or under loans which are or were made by, guaranteed, insured or subsidized by any unit of government or instrumentality thereof; overpayment of benefits; required payments into or under governmental programs; payments under a diversion arrangement or other repayment schedule.) If applicable, please state whether such delinquency is under formal appeal.  
 No  Yes

43. **Other:** Please provide any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be considered in connection with your appointment. If none, please so state.  
 None

Please include resume and completed Statement of Substantial Interest not more than twelve months old.

#### REFERENCES

Name: Sandy Praeger Knows you how?: Civic and governmental work together. KID is a client.  
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(City, State, Zip)  
Home Phone: 785-841-3554 Business Phone: 785-296-3071

Name: Larry Gates Knows you how?: Friend  
Address: 9842 Rosewood Overland Park, KS 66207  
(City, State, Zip)  
Home Phone: 785-381-9081 Business Phone: 913-661-0222 or 913-645-717(cell)

Name: Burdett Loomis Knows you how?: Friend and neighbor  
Address: 701 Louisiana Lawrence, KS 66044  
(City, State, Zip)  
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Name: Whitney Damron Knows you how?: Friend, joint representation of clients  
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**AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION:**

The facts set forth in my application are true and complete. False statements, answers, or omissions on this application shall be sufficient cause for nonconsideration or for dismissal after appointment or employment. I also recognize that my selection is based on receipt of satisfactory information from former employers and references, and upon my ability to perform the essential elements, with or without reasonable accommodations, for the position for which I am applying. I herein authorize investigation, without liability, of the information supplied by me in this application for employment or appointment including academic, occupational, health, law enforcement, and government records. I also authorize listed employers and references, without liability, to make full response to any inquiries in connection with this application for appointment or employment. I understand and agree that the terms, conditions, compensation, benefits, hours, schedule, and duration of my appointment or employment may be determined, changed, or modified from time to time at the will of the appointing authority or designee without limitation or condition. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH AND KNOWINGLY MAKE THIS AUTHORIZATION BY SETTING FORTH MY SIGNATURE.

I understand that if I am required to be registered, licensed, or certified by federal or state law or regulation for the position I seek, I will notify the appointing authority immediately if any investigation, limitation, or cancellation of my registration, licensure, or certification occurs. If any investigation, probation, limitation, or cancellation occurs, I understand that my failure to notify my appointing authority as described above will result in the termination of my appointment or employment.

Signature         *Amiel Watkins*                              Date         3/4/10

## VITA

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### **PERSONAL**

Born September 2, 1947  
Married to Phyllis Meitl Watkins  
643 Indiana  
Lawrence, KS 66044

### **EDUCATION**

University of Kansas, Juris Doctor, 1975  
St. Mary of the Plains College, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, 1969

### **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

Attorney at Law: Private Practice, Lawrence, Kansas, 1987-Present  
Insurance Supervision/Receivership, 1997-Present  
Vice President, Foresight Resources Corp., Lawrence, Kansas, 1984-1986

### **Government Service/Practice**

Chief Counsel and Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation, State of Kansas, 1980-1984  
Chief Administrative Assistant to the Governor of Kansas, 1979-1980  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, State of Kansas, 1975-1978, Division Chief 1977-1978  
VISTA Volunteer and VISTA Supervisor (Volunteers in Service to America), Broward County, Florida, 1969- 1972

### **CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, American, Kansas and Douglas County Bar Associations  
Certified Insurance Receiver-Multiple Lines, International Association of Insurance Receivers, 2001-Present; Member, Board of Directors, 2003-2009  
Kansas Development Finance Authority, Chair 2003-2007, currently Vice Chair  
Mid-America MS Society, Board of Directors, 2009-Present  
Treasurer, Kansas Inaugurals, 2003 and 2007  
Past Chair, Board of Directors, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, 1986-1992  
Past Chair, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center Endowment Board, 1998-2002  
Past Chair, Board of Directors, Friends of the Lied Series (Performing Arts), University of Kansas, 1996-1998  
Past Chair, Board of Directors, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, 1990-1996  
Trustee, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Overland Park, Kansas, 1997-1998  
Board of Trustees, St. John's School Development/Endowment Fund, Lawrence, Kansas, 1989-1995  
Board of Directors, Union Pacific Depot Restoration, Lawrence, Kansas, 1990-1997

## CAREER SYNOPSIS

### LAW PRACTICE

Dan Watkins has engaged in Private and Governmental law practices since 1975.

#### Practice

Since 1987, Watkins has been engaged in private practice in Lawrence, Kansas representing business and governmental clients on diverse legal matters including insurance receiverships, business acquisitions, contract negotiation, eminent domain, zoning and land use, governmental affairs, and a range of other issues.

#### Insurance Company Supervision/Receivership

Since 1997, Watkins has served as Kansas Insurance Department and Shawnee County, Kansas District Court appointed Supervisor, Rehabilitator and/or Liquidator for several financial troubled insurance companies including Farm and Ranch Life Insurance Company, West General Insurance Company, National Colonial Insurance Company, The Centennial Life Insurance Company, Heartland Health, Inc., Independence Indemnity Insurance Company and two workers compensation self funded pools. He coordinates troubled company activities with Kansas Insurance Department Commissioner, Chief Counsel and Chief Financial Examiner and works closely with outside counsel, NOLHGA, State Guaranty Associations and others in managing affairs of financially troubled insurance companies.

#### Governmental Practice

Watkins served as Chief Counsel and special Assistant to the Kansas Secretary of Transportation from 1980-1984. He managed a staff of attorneys, coordinated activities of outside counsel and served as a key member of the Secretary's executive committee which managed and reorganized the agency.

The legal department was responsible for handling tort claims/personal injury actions, eminent domain proceedings, contract preparation and review, construction claims and other legal and administrative actions. Watkins played an active role in developing agency policies to assure compliance with Federal mandates and to minimize potential agency liability in its activities. He represented Kansas at the Interstate Commerce Commission proceedings on the Union Pacific/Missouri Pacific Railroad merger; directed the settlement of state and county tax claims and other creditor claims in the Rock Island Railroad Bankruptcy; and assisted Special U. S. Attorney in investigating and taking administrative and criminal action against Kansas contractors involved in bid rigging on highway projects.

#### Chief Administrative Assistant to the Governor of Kansas

Watkins managed Kansas House Speaker John Carlin's campaign for Governor in 1978. He had direct responsibility for developing and executing a campaign plan with the campaign staff, media consultant, fundraising committee and volunteers.

Watkins headed Governor-elect Carlin's transition team after the 1978 election. The transition team assisted the Governor-elect in preparation of budget, selection of cabinet officers and office staff, drafting inaugural and state-of-the-state speeches, and developing systems for scheduling, legislative tracking, and policy development.

He served as Governor Carlin's Chief Administrative Assistant during his first year in office, working closely with cabinet officials on the Governor's agenda and serving with the Secretary of Administration, Press Secretary, Policy Director and Legislative Liaisons in coordinating the

Governor's management of state government.

### **Kansas Attorney General's Office**

From 1975-78, Watkins served as Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division. He was responsible for research and writing of legal opinions on criminal law and procedure; assisted county and district attorneys as a special prosecutor; reviewed and argued appeals to the Kansas Supreme Court; reviewed extraditions; investigated allegations of official misconduct; represented the State in prisoner lawsuits and appeals; prosecuted securities fraud; and monitored legislative activity.

In 1977, he was appointed Chief of the Criminal Division and supervised other attorneys and investigators; represented the Kansas Highway Patrol; advised the Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

#### **Director and Vice President of Foresight Resources Corp.**

In 1984, Watkins helped found Foresight Resources Corp., a software development and marketing company in Lawrence, Kansas. He served as Vice President of Foresight; responsible for securing \$1.5 million in venture capital investment in the company; Director of the company and Secretary/Treasurer. Foresight developed computer aided design software products for use on IBM and compatible personal computers. **drafix 1** gained a niche in the worldwide microCAD and was ultimately sold to Autodesk (AutoCAD developer).

#### **VISTA**

After receiving a degree in mathematics and a teaching certificate from St. Mary of the Plains College in 1969, Watkins served as a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Volunteer in Broward County, Florida. He organized and taught in a school for pregnant teenage girls who were expelled from the public schools. After two years of VISTA operation the school became a part of the Broward County School system. After a year as a volunteer, Watkins was selected by the sponsoring agency as the Project Supervisor for 35 VISTA Volunteers in 13 Broward County communities.

The VISTA project designed and developed low-cost non-profit housing and recreation centers with local churches, developed student reading and adult education programs with the school system, organized a transportation system for health care appointments, funded and ran a mobile eye and dental clinic, assisted the sponsoring agency with Headstart, Housing and food programs, and assisted numerous community-based organizations on a wide range of issues.

The project was evaluated as one of the top projects in the country in 1971. Watkins was selected to serve as a member of the National Task Force for Volunteer Support in 1972 to identify the elements present in successful programs for application to VISTA and community leader training around the country.

#### **Law School**

After VISTA service, Watkins attended Kansas University Law School beginning in the fall of 1972. In law school, he was active in the Student Bar Association, the University Judiciary and the Legal Aid Clinic. Watkins was admitted to Kansas and federal bars in 1975.

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

## POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Third Congressional District Campaign Manager, U.S. Rep. Bill Roy, U.S. Senate campaign vs Bob Dole, 1974

Kansas Counsel, Carter for President, 1976

Executive Director, Kansas Democratic Party, 1978

Campaign Manager, John Carlin for Governor, Aug.-Nov. 1978

Democratic Candidate for U.S. Congress, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Kansas, 1980

Campaign Manager, Dennis Moore for Attorney General, 1986 (current Member of Congress, Kansas 3<sup>rd</sup> District)

Finance Chair, Jim Slattery for Congress, Kansas 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 1986-1984 (Member of Congress during that period)

Finance Committee, Sebelius for Insurance Commissioner, 1994, 1998

Kitchen Cabinet, U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore, Kansas 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 1998-current

Finance Committee, Kathleen Sebelius for Governor, 2002

Treasurer, Kansas Inaugural, 2003

Finance Committee, Sebelius for Governor, 2006

Treasurer, Kansas Inaugural, 2007

Lobbyist Registrations  
2006-Present

YR	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	CITY, ST, ZIP	PURPOSE
2006	Kansas Tribal Economic Development Assn	16281 Q Road	Mayetta, KS 66509	gaming legislation
2008	Dodge City Resort and Gaming Company LLC	500 North Market St.	Wichita, KS 67214	gaming legislation and license RFP related issues
2008	Pinnacle Entertainment	3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy	Las Vegas, NV 89109	gaming legislation and license RFP related issues
2008	Sumner Gaming and Resorts	3501 Fairlawn Road, Suite 200	Topeka, KS 66614	gaming legislation and license RFP related issues
2009	Kansas Good Roads	919 S. Kansas	Topeka, KS 66612	comprehensive transportation plan
2009	Kansas Entertainment LLC	825 Berkshire Blvd	Wyomissing, PA 19610	gaming issues
2010	Kansas Entertainment LLC	825 Berkshire Blvd	Wyomissing, PA 19610	gaming issues
2010	Kansas Good Roads	919 S. Kansas	Topeka, KS 66612	comprehensive transportation plan
2010	Treanor Architects, P.A.	110 McDonald Dr., Suite 192	Lawrence, KS 66044	Capitol restoration





## CONFIRMATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

### Acknowledgment of Release of Tax and Criminal Records Information Form

I, James Watkins acknowledge that as part of the  
(print name)

Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee process I will:

- be subject to a criminal records background investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation; and
- have my tax records released by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Such information will not be released to the general public, but will be made available for review at the appropriate time by:

- Myself;
- My appointing authority;
- Chairperson of the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee; and
- The Vice Chair of the Senate Confirmations Oversight Committee.

By signing the "Authorization and Certification" section (on page 8) of the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee questionnaire, the Kansas Department of Revenue will be authorized to release my tax information and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation will be authorized to conduct a criminal background investigation on me and provide that information to the appropriate individuals.

Signature James Watkins Date 3/4/10

STATE OF KANSAS



KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

ELECTRONIC STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FORM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This statement must be completed by individuals who are required to do so by law. Any individual who intentionally fails to file as required by law, or intentionally files a false statement, is subject to prosecution for a class B misdemeanor.

Please read the "Guide" and "Definition" section provided with this form for additional assistance in completing sections "C" through "G". If you have questions or wish assistance, please contact the Commission office at 109 West 9th, Topeka, KS or call 785-296-4219.

**A. IDENTIFICATION:**

Watkins

Last Name

Daniel

First Name

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Phyllis

Spouse's Name

643 Indiana

Number & Street Name, Apartment Number, Rural Route, or P.O. Box Number

Lawrence, KS 66044

City, State, Zip Code

(785) 842-8794

Home Phone Number

(785) 843-0181

Business Phone Number

**B. THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BECAUSE YOU ARE:**

*( check one or more of the following )*

- 1. State Elected Official (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Insurance, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, State Senator, State Representative, Member of State Board of Education or District Attorney);
- 2. Appointed Member of a State Board, Council, Commission or Authority;
- 3. Appointed State Position is Subject to Senate Confirmation;
- 4. Employee of a State Agency or University;
- 5. General Counsel for a State Agency;
- 6. Candidate for State Office.
- 7. Other (Contractor / Member of Compact)

Kansas Development Finance Authority, current. Kansas Bioscience Authority

List the Name of Agency, Board, University or Elected Position (You may use abbreviations but not acronyms)

Member, KDFFA. Appointed KBA, subject to

Division if applicable (May use acronyms)

confirmation

Position

\* The last four digits of your social security number will aid in identifying you from others with the same name on the computer list. This information is optional. \*

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**C. OWNERSHIP INTERESTS:** List any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture and every other business interest, including land used for income, and specific stocks, mutual funds or retirement accounts in which either you or your spouse has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5%, whichever is less. If you or your spouse own more than 5% of a business, you must disclose the percentage held. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "C", check here

	BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS	DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS HELD	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS	HELD BY WHOM
1.	Law offices of Daniel L. Watkins 4311 W. 6th St. Lawrence' KS 66049	Law	Owner	100%	self
2.	UBS Financial Services 700 W 47th St, KC, MO 64112	SEP	Retirement	100%	self

**D. GIFTS OR HONORARIA:** List any person or business from whom you or your spouse either individually or collectively, have received gifts or honoraria having an aggregate value of \$500 or more in the preceding 12 months.

If you have nothing to report in Section "D", check here

	NAME OF PERSON OR BUSINESS FROM WHOM GIFT RECEIVED	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY
1.			

**E. RECEIPT OF COMPENSATION:** (Part 1) List all places of employment in the last calendar year, and any other businesses from which you or your spouse received \$2,000 or more in compensation (salary, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on in return for services rendered, or to be rendered), which was reportable as taxable income on your federal income tax returns.

1. YOUR PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. IF SAME AS SECTION "B", CHECK HERE

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"1, check here

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.	Law Offices of Daniel L. Watkins	4311 W 6th St Ste C, Lawrence, KS 66049	Law office

2. SPOUSE'S PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"2, check here

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.			

**F. OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS:** List any organization or business in which you or

your spouse hold a position of officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing, irrespective of the amount of compensation received for holding such position. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "F", check here

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS		POSITION HELD	HELD BY WHOM
1.	Law Offices of Daniel L. Watkins 4311 W. 6th Street Lawrence, KS 66044	Proprietor	self
2.	Mid-America MS Society 7611 State Line, Suite 100, KC, MO 64114	Board Member	self

**G. RECEIPT OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS:** List each client or customer who pays fees or commissions to a business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions you or your spouse received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year. The phrase "client or customer" relates only to businesses or combination of businesses. In the case of a partnership, it is the partner's proportionate share of the business, and hence of the fee, which is significant, without regard to expenses of the partnership. An individual who receives a salary as opposed to portions of fees or commissions is generally not required to report under this provision. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "G", check here

	NAME OF CLIENT / CUSTOMER	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY
1.	Treanor Architects, PA	110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044	self
2.	NR Hamm Companies	PO Box 17, Perry, KS 66067	self
3.	City of Lawrence	6 E. 6th St., Lawrence, KS 66044	self
4.	James Caplinger, Chartered-Haviland Telephone	823 W 10th, Topeka, KS 66612	self
5.	Southfork, Jay Maxwell	1634 E. Central, Wichita, KS 67214	self
6.	Kansas Good Roads	919 S Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612	self
7.	Penn National Gaming	825 Berkshire Blvd., Wyomissing, PA 19610	self
8.	Kansas Unified Development LLC	4705 Central, Kansas City, MO 64112	self
9.	Pixius LLC, ATTN Jay Maxwell	1634 E Central, Wichita, KS 67214	self
10.	Kansas Insurance Department	420 SW 9th St, Topeka, KS 66612	self

**H. DECLARATION:** I declare that this statement of substantial interests (including any accompanying pages and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of all of my substantial interests and other matters required by law. I understand that the intentional failure to file this statement as required by law or intentionally filing a false statement is a class B misdemeanor.

Date Electronically Filed: 03/04/2010  
 Name of Person Making Statement: Daniel L. Watkins