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Senator Jason Crowell Successfully Sponsors College Governing Board Member

Qualified individuals have been named to several prestigious state commissions

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced Senate confirmation of several people he sponsored for gubernatorial appointments. Jeffrey Appleman, Silvey Barker, Richard Payne and James Ricks were all approved for commendable appointments to state boards and commissions.

“All of these fine Missourians are more than qualified for the positions they have earned,” Crowell said. “It has been an honor to work with them through the process of confirmation.”

The following individuals were confirmed for state posts:

- Jeffrey Appleman is now a member of the State Board of Podiatric Medicine. The board licenses podiatrists and regulates the profession of podiatry. Appleman is a practicing podiatrist in Cape Girardeau and Dexter and has served on many state and national medical boards.
- Silvey J. Barker was approved for the Mississippi River Parkway Commission. The Mississippi River Parkway Commission is a multi-state organization which works collectively to preserve, promote and enhance the scenic, historic and recreational resources of the Mississippi River. Barker is the tourism director for the East Prairie Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of River Heritage Tourism Association and the Bootheel Regional Tourism Association, among other boards and councils.
- Richard L. Payne was chosen for the Missouri Training and Employment Council which studies and makes recommendations regarding the improvement of the state's

job training service delivery network. Such recommendations consider improved federal and state resource use and expanded coordination of state job training and employment activities. Payne is the director of the Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center and also teaches courses for the Masters in Education program at William Woods University.

- James E. Ricks was selected to serve on the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority. The authority provides students with needed capital to finance their education through its partnerships with local, regional and nationwide lending institutions. Ricks is a marketing professor at Southeast Missouri State University and has had research published in several esteemed journals.

The heads of many state agencies, commissions and boards are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate's Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

Senator Jason Crowell represents the people of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties in the Missouri Senate and can be reached at (573) 751-2459.

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Jeffrey Appleman receives Senate approval to the State Board of Podiatric Medicine. To receive a jpeg of the photo, contact Andrew Green at (573) 751-2459 or Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824.



Silvey Barker receives Senate confirmation to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission. To receive a jpeg of the photo, contact Andrew Green at (573) 751-2459 or Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824.



Richard Payne is approved by the Missouri Senate as a member of the Missouri Training and Employment Council. To receive a jpeg of the photo, contact Andrew Green at (573) 751-2459 or Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824.



James Ricks is approved by the Missouri Senate for membership on the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority. To receive a jpeg of the photo, contact Andrew Green at (573) 751-2459 or Senate Communications at (573) 751-3824.