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Senator Smith Announces Appointment of Brenda Wrench to MO Workforce Investment Board

Jefferson City — Sen. Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, today announced that the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and the full Senate have approved the nomination of Brenda Wrench of St. Louis to the Missouri Workforce Investment Board.

Wrench joins the St. Louis Workforce Investment Board, which is responsible for addressing community workforce issues through partnerships with individual companies, economic development agencies, education agencies and workforce organizations in the St. Louis region.

"Brenda Wrench is a proven community leader whose strong management, business and financial skills will be a great asset to the investment board," Sen. Smith said.

Wrench is the current chief operating officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., and previously served as the non-profit organization's chief financial officer. She holds a master's degree in business administration from Washington University's John M. Olin School of Business, St. Louis, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the university's George Warren Brown School of Social Work.

She will serve a four-year term.

"As a member of the board, Brenda Wrench will assist the board in its critical work to build the economic health of our region and to strengthen our local business communities," Sen. Smith said.

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Sen. Smith with Brenda Wrench during the Senate Gubernatorial hearing. For a high resolution photo, contact kdrummond@senate.mo.gov or call (573) 751-3824.