

The Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation's (the Corporation) Board of Directors governs the Corporation's business affairs. The board sets the strategic direction and ensures the Corporation's efforts reinforce the strength and stability of Saskatchewan credit unions and Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan (SaskCentral).

The Credit Union Act, 1998 (the CU Act) requires a selection committee, consisting of an equal number of individuals selected by each of SaskCentral and the Minister of Justice, that selects individuals for appointment to the board. The selection committee appoints individuals who meet the criteria for competency and experience as established by the board.

The board consists of:

- the Deputy Ministry of Justice or the nominee of the Deputy Minister of Justice,
- the Deputy Minister of Finance or the nominee of the Deputy Ministry of Finance, and
- five individuals appointed by the selection committee.

The Corporation's board is composed of the following individuals:

CATHERINE BENNING, K.C.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE APPOINTEE

Catherine Benning was appointed Director, Public Registry Administration, Ministry of Justice in May 2013, and has held several statutory positions related to the registries including Registrar of Titles, Registrar of Personal Property Security, Deputy Director of Corporations and Deputy Registrar of Co-operatives. Prior to taking on her current role, she was Senior Crown Counsel with Legislative Services with the Ministry of Justice and had responsibility for the credit union legislation for the province. Catherine has over 25 years of experience in the Saskatchewan public sector, including Information Services Corporation and the Ministry of Justice. Catherine has held progressive leadership roles in registry administration and law. She was appointed King's Counsel and holds a Bachelor of Arts, Economics and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan. Catherine brings over 20 years of board experience with both member and chair roles on various boards and provincial and national committees.

TRACEY L. SMITH

DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE

Tracey Smith was appointed as Deputy Minister of Finance, Government of Saskatchewan, in June 2026. She previously served as Deputy Minister of Health and Deputy Minister of Social Services, bringing extensive executive leadership experience across Saskatchewan's public service. Throughout her career, Tracey has held senior leadership roles in the health and social services sectors. She has led significant strategic, policy and operational initiatives with experience in health system transformation, labour relations, finance and emergency management. As Deputy Minister of Health, Tracey worked with health system partners to improve access to care, strengthen workforce recruitment and retention and expand mental health and addictions supports. She also played a key leadership role in the development of Saskatchewan's Patients First Health Care Plan. As Deputy Minister of Social Services, she led efforts to modernize income assistance programs, with a focus on client-centred services and stronger supports for Saskatchewan residents. Tracey holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Regina. She brings to Finance broad public service experience, a collaborative approach to leadership and a commitment to building strong relationships in service of Saskatchewan people.

KEVIN LUKEY

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTEE

Kevin Lukey retired from Cornerstone Credit Union in December 2018 after working in the cooperative financial industry for over 42 continuous years. He held progressive leadership roles, retiring as the Chief Executive Officer from Cornerstone Credit Union. Throughout his career, Kevin held positions with Cornerstone Credit Union, Yorkton Credit Union, Kamsack Credit Union, Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan and other Saskatchewan credit unions. Kevin is committed to lifelong learning and has taken a number of training courses. Kevin brings board experience with SaskCentral, Concentra, CEAMS and the Prairie Venture Fund & Apex Investment Fund boards. He is community minded and has served in several volunteer leadership positions. Kevin's term ends on January 15, 2028.

SCOTT MCMANN

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTEE

Scott McMann retired from Conexus Credit Union on Dec 30, 2016 after working in the cooperative financial industry for over 40 continuous years. He held progressive leadership roles the last 30 years, retiring as a Regional Retail Vice President of the Regina region. Throughout his career, Scott held positions in Watrous, Moose Jaw and Conexus credit unions including Controller, General Manager and Vice President Asset Management. Scott is a Chartered Financial Planner and completed the Mutual Fund Investment course through the Trust Companies Institute. Scott brings board experience from various boards. He is community minded and has served as a Moose Jaw City Councilor. Scott's term ends on January 15, 2027.

ERIN SMITH, ICD.D, MBA, JD. BA(Hons.)

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTEE

Erin Smith is the CEO of Grasslands Finance Corp., a private lender specializing in lending against whole life insurance policies. Her previous roles include Chief Operating Officer of one of the largest insurance brokerages in Canada, and as a corporate commercial lawyer at MLT Aikins LLP, a Western Canadian full-service law firm. Erin has a passion for corporate governance and comes to CUDGC with the ICD.D as well as experience as a director on both for-profit and non-profit boards. Erin is also a licensed lawyer. Erin's term ends on January 15, 2029.

BLAIR SWYSTUN, ICD.D, CFA, MBA, B.Sc.

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTEE

Blair Swystun retired from Crown Investments Corporation in November 2020 after a 38 year career with the provincial government and Crown corporation sector. Blair held progressive leadership roles, retiring as the President and Chief Executive Officer from Crown Investments Corporation. Blair has ICD.D, CFA, MBA and B.Sc. designations. Blair brings board experience with CIC Asset Management Inc., First Nation and Metis Fund, Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation and other various boards. He is community minded and has voluntarily served with various community organizations. Blair's term ends on January 15, 2028.

KERRY TARASOFF, CMA, BCOMM, B.A. – Board Chair

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTEE

Kerry Tarasoff was the Chief Financial Officer, City of Saskatoon. Throughout his career, Kerry has held positions at the City of Saskatoon of increasing responsibility, including, Director of Finance & Supply (Head of Finance Division), City Treasurer, Accounting Control Manager, etc. He was previously employed at Federated Co-operatives Limited in various accounting related positions. Kerry is a Certified Management Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting, a Bachelor of Arts, Economics and an Associate Diploma, Broadcasting. Kerry brings board experience from various boards. He is community minded, including involvement with and oversight for large community events. Kerry's term ends on January 15, 2027.