



HOT TOPIC ISSUES

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Help Oklahoma with the ABCs

Pro Tem seeks nominees for agency, board, commission appointments

This week, Senator Greg Treat officially became the president pro tempore, or the top leader, in the Oklahoma Senate. Pro Tem Treat said among his priorities will be to emphasize and prioritize on of the overlooked responsibilities of the Pro Tem's Office: agency, board and commission (ABC) appointments.

There are dozens upon dozens of boards and commissions, and the Senate Pro Tem makes numerous appointments to many ABCs. The ABCs are made up of Oklahomans from various backgrounds and professions, and cover subjects like education, health, public safety, and numerous other issues.

You may be familiar with some of the more prominent ABCs like the Judicial Nominating Commission, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, and the Teacher's



Retirement System. However, there are less prominent ABCs with equally important oversight roles like the Community Hospitals Authority, the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, the Hazardous Waste Management Authority, the 9-1-1 Management Authority, and numerous appointments to higher education regents.

ABCs have a big role to play in state government. They regulate and oversee huge parts of our economy and oversee public health and safety issues. That's why Pro Tem Treat said it's one of his priorities to find well qualified, energetic, enthusiastic Oklahomans who want to serve their state and appoint them to boards and commissions.

If you have a passion for education, the elderly, accounting, insurance, transportation, or any other subject matter please consider serving the state by serving on an agency, board, or commission.

We're at an important point in Oklahoma's history, with a real opportunity to implement ideas to help Oklahoma achieve an even better and brighter future. Please consider serving Oklahoma and making a difference for our state and its people.

If you are interested or have more questions about serving, the Pro Tem's Office has created an e-mail address to which you can send resumes or ask questions. Send emails to appointments@oksenate.gov. And look soon on the Senate website (www.oksenate.gov) for more information Pro Tem Treat's upcoming appointments.