



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT

*previously named Board Chair School*

## November 12-13, 2025

*CHS Safety & Training Center  
McPherson, KS*

Discussion topics will focus on leadership in the boardroom; building cooperative resiliency; understanding the legal foundations of a director; how to talk to elected officials; and a fireside chat featuring cooperative industry experts. This program will also include a dinner and reception for networking and a roundtable opportunity to discuss topics with your fellow board chairs.

*Attendees must hold an executive leadership position on their respective cooperative board.  
Registration is limited to the first 30 attendees.*

## REGISTRATION INFO:

Registration fee is \$200 per person and includes conference materials, breaks, lunch, social hour and dinner. **Deadline to register is October 31, 2025.** Register: <https://kcc.memberclicks.net/2025edd>. Please note, no refunds will be issued for cancellations after October 31st, including no-shows.

## HOTEL INFO:

A block of rooms has been reserved for the night of Wednesday, November 12th at Fairfield Inn & Suites, located at 2270 East Kansas Ave, McPherson. Hotel reservations may be made using [THIS LINK](#). Rooms must be reserved by November 5<sup>th</sup> to receive discounted rates.

*Register Here*

*Hotel Reservations*

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*Unless noted otherwise, all events will take place at the CHS Safety and Training Center located at 2000 S Main St., McPherson, KS.*

## Wednesday, November 12th

- 1:00 pm **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Russell Plaschka, Kansas Cooperative Council*
- 1:15 pm **Minding Your Skills Gaps**  
*Dr. Brian Briggeman, Professor & Director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center*
- 3:00 pm **Tour/Overview of CHS Refinery**
- 4:00 pm **State of Kansas Agriculture**  
*Secretary Mike Beam*
- 5:00 pm **Wrap Up, Reception and Dinner**



## Thursday, November 13th

- 8:00 am **Kansas Co-op Council Update**  
*Russell Plaschka & Jamie Boggs, Kansas Cooperative Council*
- 8:30 am **Leave No Doubt: Get Your Message Across to Legislators**  
*Russell Plaschka & Jamie Boggs, Kansas Cooperative Council*
- 9:00 am **Lessons Learned in Building Leaders**  
*Carl Dickinson, Retired CEO, Central Valley Ag*
- 10:00 am **Break**
- 10:15 am **Succession Starts Now: Growing the Next Generation of Cooperative Leaders**  
*Bob Campbell, GrowLeadAchieve, LLC*
- 11:15 am **So What Now?**  
*Open Discussion with Bob & Carl*
- 12:30 pm **Lunch and Adjourn**