



## *Candace McGraw of CVG Airport*

### **ELECTED 2024 CHAIR OF THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

#### **SCOTT DAVIS OF FIELD & MAIN BANK CHOSEN AS CHAIR-ELECT**

Candace McGraw, chief executive officer (CEO) of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), has been elected to serve as chair of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for the 2024 term. McGraw succeeds Kevin Smith of Bardstown whose term expired on September 30, 2023.

McGraw is recognized on an international scale as a leader in the airport industry and brings more than three decades of operational and legal experience to CVG. Under McGraw's leadership, CVG has become a national leader in e-commerce logistics—home to the Amazon Air mega cargo hub, its largest operation in the world, and DHL's Global Super Hub for the Americas, its second largest in the world. CVG has also been named the "Best Regional Airport in North America" by Skytrax eight years since 2011.

McGraw will serve as chair of the World Board of Airports Council International in 2024 and 2025. In addition to her service at the Kentucky Chamber, McGraw serves on the boards of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership, and Fifth Third Bank. She has also been appointed to several U.S. Department of Transportation advisory boards.

"Candace has played such an impactful and active role in shaping the Kentucky Chamber for many years as she has served on the Chamber board, as chair of the Foundation, as co-chair of the Infrastructure Policy Council, and so much more," said Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts. "She is a visionary leader, and our organization is looking forward to the accomplishments we will achieve in the next year with her as chair."

[SEE CHAIR CANDACE MCGRAW, PAGE 3](#)

### **NEW SURVEY DATA SHOWS KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS' VIEWS ON**

## *The Economy, Public Policy, & Business Challenges*

Employers in Kentucky are optimistic about the state's economic future, though many see opportunities for improvement in workforce development and tax reform, according to a new survey of business and nonprofit leaders from around the Commonwealth.

Throughout the summer of 2023, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce partnered with local chambers, the National Association of State Chambers, and the Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) to survey 300 Kentucky business and nonprofit leaders to capture their views on key economic and public policy issues.

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## *Beshear, Cameron Discuss Economic Priorities*

### **DURING CHAMBER GUBERNATORIAL FORUM**

#### **PRESENTED BY 大成 DENTONS**

Ahead of Election Day when Kentuckians will decide the next governor, the Kentucky Chamber hosted a gubernatorial forum between Governor Andy Beshear and Attorney General Daniel Cameron at the organization's 2023 Annual Meeting Dinner in September.

During the forum with over 900 attendees, Kentucky Chamber Senior Vice President of Communications and Managing Editor of The Bottom Line Jacqueline Pitts asked each candidate about their positions on the most crucial issues facing the Commonwealth, based on the ten key areas in "Kentucky's Winning Strategy."

Opening the discussion, Republican gubernatorial candidate and Kentucky's Attorney General Daniel Cameron said that when he travels the state, the fundamental issues he hears about from Kentuckians are workforce, crime, and education.

When discussing tax reform, Cameron said a competitive tax environment and a low-income tax are what keep people in the Commonwealth, and are issues that drive workforce, business, and population growth.

Cameron also touched on his priorities to improve education, keep the energy sector affordable, advance infrastructure, and expand health care access across Kentucky.

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*Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear*



*Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron*



FROM THE FRONT

# Beshear, Cameron Discuss Economic Priorities

During the conversation with Democratic gubernatorial candidate and Kentucky's current Governor Andy Beshear, Pitts asked him to detail his plans to address several issues facing the Commonwealth.

Discussing Kentucky's workforce shortage, Beshear shared his priorities for placing graduating high school seniors in jobs, funding universal pre-K, and making sure more individuals are healthy enough for work.

Beshear also spoke on his plans to advance different areas of Kentucky's economy through promoting an all of the above energy strategy, continuing mega infrastructure projects, and expanding housing.

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## FROM THE FRONT

# Chair Candace McGraw

"I am honored to be elected chair of the Kentucky Chamber and look forward to the year ahead," said Candace McGraw. "We have a committed board and excellent leadership in Ashli Watts and the Chamber's senior staff. Together, we will approach the challenges Kentucky businesses face—particularly around workforce—as opportunities for economic growth that will benefit all Kentuckians."

Scott Davis, chairman and CEO of Field & Main Bank, will serve as chair-elect for 2024.

Serving with McGraw and Davis on the Chamber's Executive Committee will be:



**SCOTT DAVIS**  
2024 CHAIR-ELECT  
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### The 2024 Chamber Executive Committee:

- **Immediate Past Chair:** Kevin Smith, *Bardstown*
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- **Small Business At-Large Member:** Ray Daniels, *Co-Founder, President and CEO, Equity Solutions Group, Lexington*
- **At-Large Member:** Hollie Harris, *President and CEO, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Lexington*
- **At-Large Member:** Mark Sommer, *Practice Group Leader, Frost Brown Todd, Louisville*
- **President & CEO:** Ashli Watts, *President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort*

### Newly-Elected Directors:

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- **Mike Buckentin**, *President, Logan Aluminum, Inc., Russellville*
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- **Scott Davis**, *Chairman & CEO, Field & Main Bank, Henderson*
- **John Estus**, *Regional Policy Lead, Amazon, Shepherdsville*
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A full board listing, including members continuing their terms, can be found on Pages 4-5 or can be found online at [kychamber.com](http://kychamber.com).

## FROM THE FRONT

# New Survey Data

Some of the key highlights from the survey include:

- **Economic conditions.** Kentucky employers appear generally optimistic about current and future economic conditions. 37 percent of employers expect the economy to be better a year from now, while 32 percent expect it to be about the same. 31 percent expect it to be worse.
- **Workforce.** A total of 80 percent of Kentucky employers say there is NOT an ample supply of workers in their local area, and 70 percent are having difficulties filling open positions.
- **Government.** 51 percent say state government is doing an excellent or good job creating a strong business climate, and 55 percent feel confident that state government can improve the business climate even more over the next year. Only 19 percent say the federal government is doing an excellent or good job creating a strong business climate. Only 25 percent think the federal government will improve the business climate over the next year.
- **Public Policy.** The top issues that Kentucky employers would like to see state policymakers focus on include workforce development (59 percent), tax reform - including both personal and business taxes (49 percent and 47 percent) - and infrastructure (44 percent).
- **Relocations.** 79 percent of Kentucky employers say they anticipate their company will still be in Kentucky 10 years from now. Only 6 percent anticipate leaving. 15 percent were uncertain. If given the opportunity to start from scratch, 77 percent say they would start their business in Kentucky while 12 percent say they would do it somewhere else. Of the employers who said they would start their business somewhere else; the top states were: Tennessee (20 percent), Florida



(20 percent), Indiana (16 percent), and California (16 percent).

"Understanding how business leaders view the economy and major public policy questions is top-of-mind for the Kentucky Chamber," said Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts. "The data gathered through this partnership offers an opportunity for leaders throughout Kentucky to understand how employers are navigating our ever-changing world and what their top concerns are."

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# 39th Annual KYSHRM Conference

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The 39th Annual Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (KYSHRM) Conference, presented by Kentucky Career Center, was held August 29-31, 2023, at the Central Bank Center in Lexington – marking the first time in over 20 years the conference has been hosted in Lexington. This year’s conference had more than 700 human resource professionals in attendance and over 1,000 total participants. The conference offered three keynote presentations and more than 70 unique sessions in six tracks: benefits and compensation; workforce; diversity and inclusion; human resource law; management; and motivation. Attendees were able to earn up to 14.5 professional development credits.

## Keynotes included:

**From Frazzle to Dazzle: How to Avoid Burnout and Inspire Others** | Christin Collins, Speaker, Author, Well-being Advocate

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A panel of Kentucky Chamber Board members at the 2023 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit including John Crockett of LG&E and KU Energy, Amy Spiller of Duke Energy, Ray Daniels of Equity Solutions Group, and Carlos Sanchez of AT&T Kentucky

# KENTUCKY CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS BEST PRACTICES FOR Diversity & Inclusion in the Workforce

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In an effort to educate and support businesses as they are looking to expand their workforce, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce hosted business, education, and government leaders for an Inaugural Inclusive Workforce Summit in September and the second annual Diversity Equity and Inclusion Summit in October.

The events illustrated what an inclusive workforce looks like; how to implement best practices, such as key partnerships to attract and retain diverse talent, maintaining a flexible and disability-friendly work environment; and capitalizing on the talent of qualified people.

## LEARN MORE

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Russell Shaffer of Disability:IN speaks on disability inclusion strategies in the workplace and the bottom line for business



CHURCHILL DOWNS

## 42 LEGISLATORS RECOGNIZED AS *“Champions for Signature Industries” in Kentucky*

With passage of several key bills in 2023 to help strengthen Kentucky's signature equine and bourbon industries, 42 members of the Kentucky General Assembly have been named “Champions for Signature Industries” by a collective group of businesses and associations. The group includes the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Distillers' Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Keeneland Association, and Churchill Downs Incorporated.

Three key bills involving the legalization of sports betting (House Bill 551), the outlawing of “gray machines” (House Bill 594) and the phase out of the property tax on aging bourbon barrels (House Bill 5) marked major victories for signature industries in the state. Recipients of the 2023 “Champions for Signature Industries” award showed strong leadership for the equine and distilling sectors by voting to pass all three bills and advocating for these measures among their respective caucuses.

### LEARN MORE

See the legislators selected for this year's signature industries awards



Kentucky Chamber Chair Candace McGraw of CVG Airport



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# KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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# Local Chambers Recognized AS PART OF KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES 2023 EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Local chambers from across the state were recognized at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives (KCCE) 2023 Annual Dinner in September during the organization's Annual Conference.

During the Annual Dinner, the KCCE Board of Directors named Tomi Clifford of the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce as the 2024 president, which was previously held by Josh Suiter of the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce.

The dinner also included the annual presentation of KCCE Annual Excellence Awards, which encompasses areas of membership growth and retention, civic engagement, innovation, individual achievement, and more.

This year, the group recognized St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce CEO Josh Suiter as Chamber Professional of the Year.



KCCE Executive Director Amy Cloud, 2024 KCCE President Tomi Clifford of the Cynthiana – Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, and 2023 KCCE President Josh Suiter of the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce

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**November 2, 2023** | Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame – Lexington

**November 13, 2023** | 2024 Legislative Preview Conference – Lexington

**December 5-6, 2023** | OSHA 10 Hour Voluntary Compliance Course – Lexington

**December 5-8, 2023** | OSHA 30 Hour Voluntary Compliance Course – Lexington

**December 6-7, 2023** | Supervising and Managing People – Lexington

**January 23, 2024** | Kentucky Healthcare Innovation Summit – Louisville

**February 7 – April 24, 2024** | SHRM Certification Prep Course – Virtual

**February 8, 2024** | 29th Kentucky Chamber Day Dinner – Lexington

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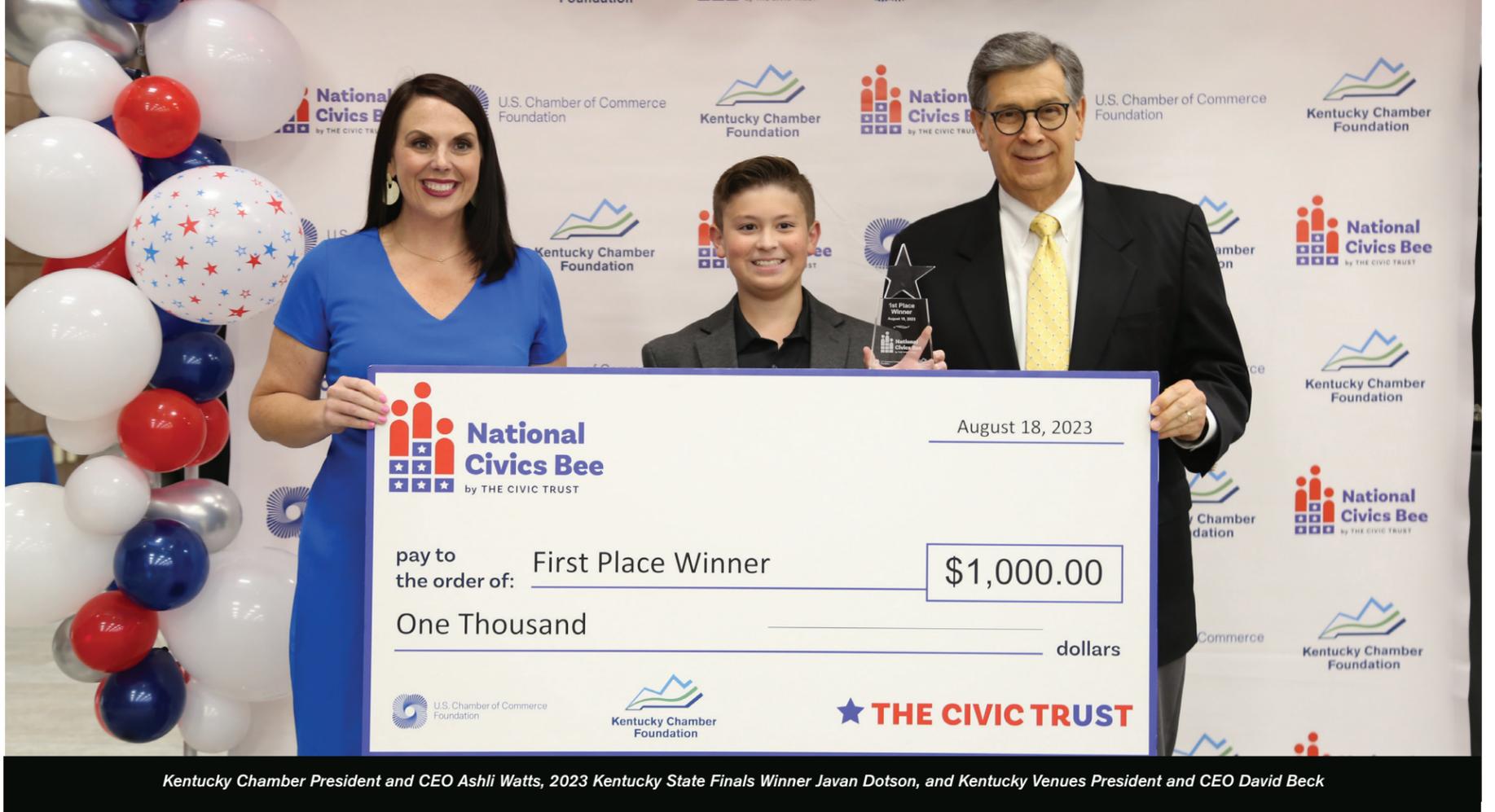
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# Winner of National Civics Bee Kentucky State Finals

The Kentucky Chamber Foundation hosted the National Civics Bee Kentucky State Finals in August at the Kentucky State Fair. During the competition, middle school students participated in live quiz events to test their civics knowledge and presented on issues facing their communities in front of a panel of judges.

Javan Dotson from Pikeville was named the winner of the competition, with Jiwoo Kim from Richmond placing second, and Kaylee Brandon from Paducah placing third.

The National Civics Bee is an initiative aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Organized in partnership with The Civic Trust of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the competition hosted by the Kentucky Chamber Foundation seeks to inspire middle schoolers to become better informed about American democracy, to engage respectfully and constructively in the community, and to build greater trust in others and institutions.



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