

## Meet Our Newest Commissioner



Jason Holsman

## **Public Service Commission**

Former State Senator Jason Holsman is the newest commissioner on the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC). He replaces Daniel Hall who resigned on November 4, 2019, following the expiration of his six-year term.

Commissioner Jason Holsman was appointed to the PSC by Governor Michael Parson on January 13, 2020 and was unanimously confirmed by the Missouri Senate on January 16, 2020.

"I am grateful to Governor Parson for the opportunity to continue my public service in a policy area of great importance to and impact upon the citizens of our state. I truly enjoyed my almost 14 sessions as a legislator and will miss working with my outstanding colleagues. Although the work before the Commission can be rigorous and complex, I am looking forward to the challenge."

Prior to his appointment to the PSC, Holsman served nearly two terms as a Missouri State Senator to the 7<sup>th</sup> District. While in the Senate, Holsman served on numerous legislative committees, including the Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee, the Education Committee, the General Laws Committee, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee. He also served as Chairman for the Joint Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Awareness and the Prescription Drug Transparency Interim Committee.

Holsman was first elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2006 and served three terms. In that chamber, he served as Chair of the Committee on Renewable Energy, as well as the Joint Committee on Urban Agriculture. He also served on the Joint Committee on Education, Utilities and International Trade and Business.

Before embarking on a career in the Legislature, Commissioner Holsman was a social studies instructor for the Kansas City, Missouri School District. He made his mark by teaching several subjects, coaching varsity athletics, and serving as Chair of the Principal's Advisory Committee, among other responsibilities.

Commissioner Holsman earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and U.S. History from the University of Kansas and a Masters of Arts degree in Diplomacy and Military Science from Norwich University in Vermont. In 2004, he earned his Missouri State Teaching certificate from Northwest Missouri State University. In 2017, Holsman also became a licensed real estate agent.

Recently, Commissioner Holsman was appointed to serve on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Energy Resources and the Environment Committee.

Commissioner Holsman currently resides in Kansas City with his wife and two children.