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County Executive Mark A. Hackel Appoints New Director of Human Resources/Labor Relations

Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel today announced the appointment of Andrew S. McKinnon as the director of the Macomb County Department of Human Resources and Labor Relations (HRLR). McKinnon replaces Karen Bathanti, who announced her resignation in May.

“Karen’s commitment to employee relations and the county as a whole was a tremendous driver in helping us build our great workforce and she will certainly be missed,” said Hackel. “Looking ahead, we are confident that Andrew will be a strong leader that brings creativity and passion to the HR director role.”

McKinnon previously served as the assistant superintendent for human resources at Center Line Public Schools. In this role, he was responsible for organizing, evaluating, developing and implementing district functions and programs related to HR. He was also a key legal resource for the district, helping negotiate contracts, navigate legal issues and collaborate with collective bargaining groups. This work made him an integral part of the district’s executive team.

Prior to this position, McKinnon was an attorney for McConaghy & Nyovich, P.L.L.C. and Pierce, Duke, Farrell & Tafelski, P.L.C. He also served as a legislative assistant for the office of State Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr.

McKinnon received his Juris Doctor from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School and a bachelor’s degree from Oakland University. He will begin his new role with Macomb County on July 23, 2018.

As specified by the Macomb County Charter, the county executive has the authority to appoint department directors. This appointment must be confirmed by the Board of Commissioners.



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