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### **MGC Names Next Executive Director**

Jefferson City, Missouri – The Missouri Gaming Commission has named Mike Leara as its ninth Executive Director, succeeding Peggy Richardson.

Mr. Leara, of St. Louis, Missouri was appointed to the Missouri Gaming Commission as Chairman in August of 2019. In July 2023, Leara was appointed by Governor Mike Parson as the State Supervisor for the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. Leara served as a State Representative for the 96<sup>th</sup> District from 2009-2017. During his time as a State Representative, he served as Vice Chair on the Board of Trustees for the Missouri State Employee Retirement System.

He has also owned and operated Gateway Advisors, LLC, in St. Louis since 1999. Leara has grown his business from a financial consulting firm offering public and private pension services to a now corporate and governmental retirement and pension plan consulting firm.

Mr. Leara attended Saint Louis University.

The effective date for Leara's duties will be determined in the coming days.

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