

Helen W. Mountjoy Kentucky Arts Council Board Utica, Ky.

Helen Mountjoy is currently the executive director of the Regional Alliance for Education. She is the co-chair for the Work Ready Community Task Group, board member with Impact 100-Owensboro, and a member of The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and the Owensboro Advisory Board for BB&T Bank.

Helen served as secretary of education and workforce development under Governor Steve Beshear from 2007 – 2009. During this time, she was also chair of the Unemployment Insurance Task Force and co-chair of the Task Force on Early Childhood Learning and Development.

Helen served on the Kentucky Board of Education for fifteen years, six of them as the board chair. She has also served on numerous other education, business and arts-related boards across Kentucky, including the boards of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra and the Owensboro Museum of Science and History. She also chaired the Cultural Organizations Review Panel for the Owensboro Mayor and City Commission.

Helen's education includes Bachelors of Arts in history and English from Vanderbilt University. She has also been awarded honorary doctorates from Brescia University and Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Other awards include The Prichard Committee Award for Excellence, the Owensboro Business and Professional Women Glass Ceiling Award and the City of Owensboro, Mayor's Award for Excellence.