

CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

(Terms Expire January 1, 2015)

Governor

RICK SNYDER, Ann Arbor

Lieutenant Governor

BRIAN N. CALLEY, Portland

Secretary of State

RUTH JOHNSON, Holly

Attorney General

BILL SCHUETTE, Midland

APPOINTED OFFICERS

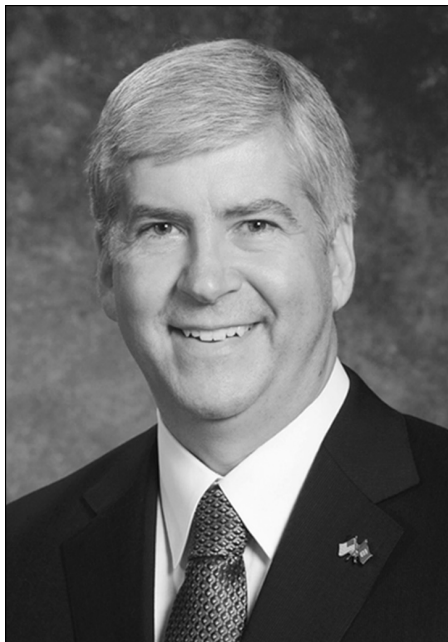
State Treasurer

ANDY DILLON, Redford Township

Superintendent of Public Instruction

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN,¹ Lansing

¹Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction by the State Board of Education effective July 5, 2005.



**GOVERNOR
RICK SNYDER**

Richard D. Snyder was sworn in as the 48th governor of Michigan on January 1, 2011.

A successful businessman, Snyder had never sought political office prior to his gubernatorial bid. He successfully ran on the platform of “reinventing” Michigan in order to move the state forward after years of decline. Snyder is the first Certified Public Accountant to be elected governor of Michigan and is the only CPA in the country serving as a governor. His CPA background has been instrumental in Michigan’s turnaround.

In his first two years in office, the governor has used his trademark “relentless positive action” to help restore Michigan’s fiscal integrity, bring fairness to the state’s tax system, and create an environment that attracts more and better jobs to the state while building a strong foundation for the future.

After a decade of economic difficulty, Michigan is the comeback state in the nation. The governor’s plan to reinvent Michigan is working. Since Snyder took office, the state’s economy is at a 10-year high, the budget is balanced and long-term debt is being paid off, more people are working, per-capita income is on the rise, home sales are strong, and more students are prepared for college.

In January 2013 Snyder was elected co-chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governors and is focused on protecting the largest single source of surface freshwater in the world, with a priority of working with neighboring Great Lakes states and provinces to tackle shared challenges and to take advantage of collective opportunities.

Snyder has significant executive leadership experience in the private sector, including serving as chairman and CEO of the computer company, Gateway. He also founded Ann Arbor-based venture capital and investment firms, and an online health and wellness company. He has been actively involved in economic development as well, having served as the first chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and authoring the business plan that became Ann Arbor SPARK — one of the most successful economic development organizations in the country.

A native of Battle Creek, Snyder graduated from Lakeview High School a semester early and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree, MBA and law degree from the University of Michigan — all by the age of 23. He chose to start his career in Michigan as a tax accountant with the Detroit office of Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) and, within six years, he made partner.

He and his wife, Sue, have one son and two daughters.



**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
BRIAN N. CALLEY**

Brian Calley is the second youngest lieutenant governor in Michigan's history.

Before being elected to this position, Calley served two terms in the Michigan Legislature as a state representative. In that role, Calley served as minority vice chair of the House Tax Policy Committee where he worked with lawmakers from both sides of the aisle.

Prior to his time as a state lawmaker, Calley worked 10 years as a community banker and small business lender. He was also elected to the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, serving from 2003 to 2006 as the vice chairman for all four years of his tenure there. Calley graduated from Michigan State University in 1998 with a B.A. in business administration and received his MBA from Grand Valley State University in 2000.

Calley is an active member of the Portland Baptist Church where he is a song leader and pianist as well as serving on the deacon board. His wife Julie teaches Sunday school to middle school age children. Together, they have three young children: Collin, Reagan and Karagan.

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SECRETARY OF STATE RUTH JOHNSON

Ruth Johnson was elected as Michigan's 42nd secretary of state in November 2010 and serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for the state's nearly 10 million residents. She also maintains the state's official repository of records and certifies documents as keeper of the Great Seal and is second in line of succession to the governor.

As secretary of state, Johnson has changed the way the Secretary of State's Office does business. First, she reduced lines in branch offices by tripling online services with the launch of ExpressSOS.com.

Secretary Johnson instituted significant election reform measures with the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) initiative. New SAFE laws help ensure only qualified voters cast a ballot on Election Day. They close photo ID loopholes, require more transparency and help voters "follow the money" contributed to candidates and committees.

Secretary Johnson has also focused on expanding Michigan's Organ Donor Registry by partnering with advocates. Creative, low-cost measures have allowed a record-breaking one million names to be added to the registry in 2011-2012.

The Secretary of State has championed a special "Veteran" designation on driver's licenses for honorably discharged veterans as well as a new fundraising plate and efforts to ensure veterans have information about benefits they have earned and deserve.

Johnson's efforts are the latest in a distinguished career in public service. As a 3-term member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1999 through 2004, she served as assistant majority whip. She also helped improve the quality of life in the state through her efforts on the Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, Education, Health Policy and Transportation Committees. During her time as a legislator, Johnson led investigations into the misappropriation of funds at the Oakland County Intermediate School District that resulted in the conviction of a public official and restored money earmarked for students.

Secretary Johnson has provided innovative and effective leadership at the local government level as well. From 1988 to 1998, she was a member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, including six years as vice chairperson. As commissioner, she tackled such issues as putting prisoners to work and instituting countywide performance audits that provide accountability in government. From 2005 through 2010, Johnson served as the first woman elected as clerk/register of deeds for Oakland County, the state's second-largest county.

As clerk/register of deeds, Johnson won 14 national awards for innovative services that improved customer convenience, provided greater transparency and saved tax dollars. Johnson greatly expanded the county's online services. She introduced online marriage license applications, made campaign donation records available over the Internet, and worked with the circuit court to enable virtually paperless court cases and the ability to search and order public court records online. Johnson also implemented reforms to fight identity theft and fraud and began a program that recycled used voting machines into schools to provide kids with a hands-on lesson about voting. A fiscal conservative, she cut more than \$1 million in costs from the county clerk's budget and reduced her staff by 20 percent. She also successfully fought a 700 percent increase in fees proposed by the state.

In 2006, she was a nominee for lieutenant governor in Michigan.

In 2004, the National Federation of Independent Businesses named her a "Guardian of Small Business." Johnson has been a frequent speaker at local Optimist and Rotary Club events, and was a charter member of the Holly Area Optimists. She is a former member of the American Business Women's Association and various chambers of commerce and was chair of the Aging and Social Services Committee as a member of the Michigan Association of Counties.

A lifelong resident of northern Oakland County, Johnson has had a strong work ethic and pioneering spirit since childhood. She started working at age 13 to help her family make ends meet after her father passed away. Through her persistence and determination, she became the first girl to be a newspaper carrier for the *Pontiac Press*, now called the *Oakland Press*.

Secretary Johnson is a graduate of Waterford Township High School and has an associate's degree from Oakland Community College, a bachelor's degree from Oakland University and a master's degree from Wayne State University, with honors. She lives in Holly with her husband, Don Nanney, a small-business owner, and their daughter, Emily.



ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL SCHUETTE

Bill Schuette was elected as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General in November 2010 and took office January 1, 2011.

Bill has extensive experience in both federal and state government and has served Michigan in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government for three decades.

Bill Schuette's commitment to public service began in 1984 when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives.

At the age of 31, he was one of the youngest Congressmen in America. During his three terms in Congress, Schuette served on the House Budget Committee, the House Agriculture Committee and the Select Committee on Aging.

In 1990, Bill Schuette was Michigan's Republican candidate for the United States Senate.

In January of 1991, Bill was named Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. As a member of Governor John Engler's cabinet, his policy responsibilities were diverse, ranging from agribusiness export development to environmental stewardship initiatives for production agriculture.

When Bill was Director of Agriculture, his wife Cynthia and he created the Michigan Harvest Gathering, a food and fund drive to help feed hungry people throughout Michigan. Joining with the Food Bank Council of Michigan, the Michigan Harvest Gathering has raised more than \$8.2 million and 8.5 million pounds of food for Michigan families since 1991.

The Michigan Harvest Gathering has been recognized nationally for its innovative public-private partnership.

In 1994, Bill was elected to the Michigan Senate, representing Michigan's 35th Senate District. During his 8 years in the Senate, Bill served on the Judiciary Committee, the Technology and Energy Committee, and the Gaming and Casino Oversight Committee and was Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee.

In May of 2001, Bill was selected by President George W. Bush to be his Personal Representative to Australian-American Friendship Week. While in Australia on behalf of President Bush, Bill represented the United States in honoring American and Australian service men and women who fought and died during the battle of the Coral Sea, which was a strategic battle in the South Pacific during World War II.

In November of 2002, Bill Schuette was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals and served for 6 years as one of 28 appellate judges in Michigan. Bill also served as Senior Counsel at the law firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd from 2009 to 2010.

Bill Schuette has been a member of various boards and organizations in his community and throughout Michigan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation and is a trustee of the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation. Bill is also a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

A native of Midland, Michigan, Bill Schuette graduated cum laude from Georgetown University in 1976, receiving a Bachelor of Science in the Foreign Service. He also studied at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Bill earned his law degree from the University of San Francisco in 1979. In 2005, Bill received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Northwood University.

Schuette and his wife, the former Cynthia Grebe, are the parents of Heidi and Billy.



**STATE TREASURER
ANDY DILLON**

Andy Dillon is Michigan's 44th State Treasurer after being named as one of Governor Rick Snyder's first appointments. As Treasurer, Andy Dillon is responsible for overseeing changes made to the state's taxation laws, distributing revenue sharing monies, and protecting the credit rating of the state and its local units of governments. In addition, he is charged with managing the retirement funds of Michigan's state police and judges and its state and public school employees.

Andy Dillon has served 3 terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, and was elected by his colleagues to serve as Speaker of the House during his final 2 terms. He is married to Carol Dillon, and together they are proud parents of 4 children, Matt, Jack, Austin, and Teagan.

Prior to achieving elected office, Mr. Dillon served as the managing director of Wynnchurch Capital, vice president of GE Capital, and worked as a financial analyst at WR Grace. In addition, Mr. Dillon practiced law for 7 years after graduating with his law and accounting degrees from the University of Notre Dame, and worked as an administrative assistant to U.S. Senator Bill Bradley.

In the legislature, Speaker Dillon was a leading proponent of energy reform, including expanding Michigan's renewable energy sector, which helped to create thousands of green-collar jobs. During his first term, he was one of the chief architects of the 21st Century Jobs Fund, which was created to diversify Michigan's economy and make the state a magnet for the good-paying jobs of the future. Additionally, under Andy Dillon's leadership as Speaker, he led by example through enacting cost-saving measures such as voluntarily giving up his own legislative health care benefits and voting to reduce his own pay by 10 percent in an effort to help balance the state's budget.

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**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN**

Mike Flanagan was appointed State Superintendent by the State Board of Education on May 18, 2005. He directs the Michigan Department of Education; chairs the State Board of Education; and advises the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the state Legislature regarding public education in Michigan.

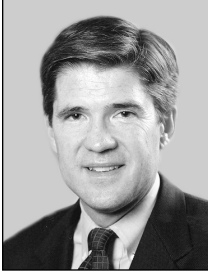
Mike has been a local school superintendent, regional superintendent, and served as the Executive Director of the statewide associations that represent Michigan public school superintendents and intermediate school districts in the state.

For seven years, Mike Flanagan served as the Superintendent of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Prior to that, he was Superintendent of the Farmington/Farmington Hills School District in Michigan for five years. He is past chairperson of the Education Alliance of Michigan, a nonprofit coalition of leading parent, business, and education associations; and past president of the National County Superintendents Association.

Superintendent Flanagan has degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan University. He is married to Anna and has three married children: Mike, Brian, and Christa and grandchildren: Alysha, Ella, Avery, and Will.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



JOHN C. AUSTIN



MICHELLE FECTEAU



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KATHLEEN N. STRAUS



CASANDRA E. ULBRICH



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Members

Term expires

JOHN C. AUSTIN, <i>President</i> , Ann Arbor	Jan. 1, 2017
MICHELLE FECTEAU, <i>NASBE Delegate</i> , Detroit	Jan. 1, 2021
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGUY, Grand Rapids	Jan. 1, 2021
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS, Detroit	Jan. 1, 2017
CASANDRA E. ULBRICH, <i>Vice President</i> , Rochester Hills	Jan. 1, 2015
DANIEL VARNER, Detroit	Jan. 1, 2015
EILEEN L. WEISER, Ann Arbor	Jan. 1, 2019
RICHARD ZEILE, Dearborn	Jan. 1, 2019

ex officio

RICK SNYDER, Governor
MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN, Superintendent of Public Instruction

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members

The 8 voting members of the **Michigan State Board of Education** are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for 8-year terms. Two are elected every 2 years in the general election. In addition, there are 2 nonvoting, ex officio members — the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction, who is the chair of the board. Any vacancies on the board which occur between elections are filled through appointment by the governor for the remainder of the term.

The state board elects its own officers for 2-year terms. It also selects and appoints the state superintendent of public instruction, who administers the Michigan Department of Education.

The state board of education is at the core of an unusual state education system which seeks to carry out Michigan's long tradition of local control balanced against the overall needs of the people statewide.

Historical Background

The Northwest Ordinance in 1787 encouraged schools and the means of education.

In 1809, nearly 3 decades before statehood, Michigan territorial law directed each judicial district to start schools and collect a tax for them. The **territorial council** made it mandatory in 1829 to divide the townships into school districts and gave the state the right to inspect and supervise schools and to set the length of time each would be open.

Michigan's first constitution, in 1835, created the office of superintendent of public instruction. **John D. Pierce**, a New England clergyman who had come to Michigan as a frontier missionary, was named the first superintendent, becoming the first independent administrator of education under a state constitution in the United States.

Michigan became a state in 1837 and adopted a new constitution in 1850 which formalized the state board of education as a **constitutional body**. The state board of education was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1849 to administer what is now Eastern Michigan University. Many duties were extended to the board over the years, but the current responsibilities were established in the 1963 state constitution.

Constitutional Powers

The state constitution provides:

Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

— Constitution of 1963, art. VIII, sec. 3 (in part)

The state board of education exercises its constitutional **duties** of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education and advises the legislature as to the financial requirements for public education.

The state board of education has many direct supervisory duties in connection with local school districts and community colleges and indirect coordinating duties in connection with the 4-year state colleges and universities.

Among their several duties, the state board of education and Department of Education distribute state funds to local school districts; examine and in some cases approve, construction and financial plans of local districts; reimburse schools for certain programs such as school lunches, bus transportation, and remedial and special education; administer federal aid programs; and provide student financial aid. In addition, the state board appoints advisory councils and committees from the education community and general public to investigate, review, or make recommendations.