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Kansas Leadership Center announces changes to executive team

*Dioane Gates hired as Chief Civic Leadership Officer,
Julia Fabris McBride transitions to Chief Learning and Development Officer*

Wichita, Kan. – The [Kansas Leadership Center](#) (KLC) announced today that [Dioane Gates](#) has been named the nonprofit organization's Chief Civic Leadership Officer (CCLO). After serving as part of KLC's teaching team since 2019, Gates is succeeding [Julia Fabris McBride](#) who has transitioned to a new role at KLC.

"We are excited to announce staffing changes that will position our colleagues to thrive and KLC to continue its momentum," said Kaye Monk-Morgan, president and CEO of KLC. "Julia is now KLC's Chief Learning and Development Officer, a title that more accurately reflects her area of focus evolving our world-class curriculum. We're also thrilled to add Dioane to the team full-time as KLC's new Chief Civic Leadership Officer. He has a deep knowledge of the KLC framework, strong front-of-the-room teaching and facilitation abilities, and is deeply passionate about improving communities."

In addition to teaching KLC's programs for five years, Gates' career includes 18 years in law enforcement with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, 24 years in ministry leadership, and 14 years as a small business owner. A native of Wichita, Gates is actively involved in the community serving as a board member with the Alzheimer's Association in Central and Western Kansas, The Create Campaign and HumanKind Ministries.

As Chief Civic Leadership Officer, Gates is responsible for overseeing KLC's Civic Leadership unit, including leadership development programming, civic engagement and communities of practice strategies.

"For some time, I have felt that the ideas shared by KLC have been a part of my life's purpose. I've been honored to teach the content, and I am more honored to be a full-time team member," said Gates. "The way we see leadership needs to be shared with Kansans and beyond. I want to be a part of making that a reality. In this new role I'm looking forward to helping individuals and communities create space for divergent perspectives to be heard, and have those perspectives influence outcomes for the greater good."

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About the Kansas Leadership Center

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a first-of-its-kind nonprofit educational organization with a civic mission, national reputation and global reach. Founded in 2007 to foster leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities, KLC receives core funding from the Kansas Health Foundation (a private, philanthropic organization). It partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and communities to build cultures that are healthy, productive and well-positioned to make measurable progress on daunting challenges and emergent opportunities. KLC Press publishes leadership books and The Journal, a nationally recognized, award-winning civic issues magazine.

Over the past 17 years, KLC has built a strong and respected institution in Kansas designed to deliver leadership development and culture change at unparalleled scale. Now, organizations across the country and around the world look to us to provide resources and consultation to support their own aspirations for mission-driven leadership education. Learn more at www.kansasleadershipcenter.org.

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