

Warren K. Erdman
Member
Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission



Warren K. Erdman was appointed to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on October 5, 2022, by Governor Michael L. Parson and currently serves as Commission Chairman. His term expires March 1, 2027.

Erdman is a retired railroad executive with the former Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS), which merged with Canadian Pacific (CP) in 2023 creating Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC). In his 30-year private-sector career, Erdman served as Executive Advisor Strategic Projects at Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and Executive Vice-President Administration and Corporate Affairs for Kansas City Southern.

While Kansas City Southern EVP Administration and Corporate Affairs, Erdman led the company's legal; claims; real estate and industrial development; grade crossing safety; railroad police; federal, state, and local government affairs; and communications departments. He was a member of the company's senior officer staff and had responsibility for matters in the U.S., Mexico, and Panama as well as senior-level involvement in the company's 2023 merger with Canadian Pacific (CP).

Previously he served on and chaired the University of Missouri Board of Curators from 2005 until 2012 and served on the UMKC Trustees and UMKC Foundation executive committees and boards of directors. He has served previously on and co-chaired the Missouri House and Senate Reapportionment Commissions and State Government Review Commission.

Prior to joining KCS in 1997, Erdman served as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Christopher S. Bond of Missouri. He served former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft in the Governor's office in 1985 and former Missouri Governor Bond in the Governor's office between 1981 and 1984.

He was presented the Harry S Truman Public Service Award and the Downtown Council of Kansas City J. Philip Kirk, Jr. Award for Community Vision & Downtown Stewardship in 2026; recognized in 2022 as a City Year Kansas City's Idealist of the Year; and in 2020 received the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs Governor Mel Carnahan Public Service Award and was recognized as a top 10 most influential people in the railroad industry by Railway Age magazine. He is a recipient of the Henry S. Geyer Award for Public Service to Missouri Higher Education; UMKC Trustees Henry W. Block Trustee Excellence Award; and Westminster College Alumni Award.

Erdman has served on the executive committee and board of directors of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Missouri Hawthorn Foundation, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and the Kansas City, Missouri Downtown Council. He has been a member of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City.

Erdman and his wife, Jenny, live in Kansas City and are the parents of August and Audrey Erdman. Both Jenny and Warren remain deeply involved in civic life in Kansas City and in the State of Missouri.