

Bill Kennedy

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Personal Philosophy:

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Education:

- ❖ Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
- ❖ Masters of Education, Personnel & Guidance, Eastern Montana College, Billings, MT
- ❖ Administrative Endorsement, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

Employment:

- ❖ **President & CEO**, Montana State University Billings Foundation; Billings, MT; 2016 – Present
Provides leadership in the planning, development and implementation of a comprehensive fund raising program; manages a portfolio of major donors and donor prospects; directs the administrative, fiscal and office operations including staff supervision and staff development as well as the business functions of an independent foundation; maintains a direct working relationship with the Foundation Board of Trustees by providing assistance, expertise and administrative support to the Board and volunteers; maintains a high profile and serves as a key spokesperson for the Foundation; implements all policies and directives of the Board and serves as a liaison between the Foundation and the University, as well as the community at large.
- ❖ **Yellowstone County Commissioner**; Billings, MT; 1993 – 2016
Oversaw, in conjunction with two other commissioners, a \$100+ million budget and 450 employees; served on various boards.
- ❖ **Director**, Even Start Family Literacy Program for School District 2; Billings, MT; 1989 – 1992
- ❖ **Parish Administrator**, St. Thomas Church; Billings, MT; 1988 – 1989
- ❖ **Teacher (grades k – 8)**, Billings Catholic Schools; Billings, MT; 1984 – 1988
- ❖ **Teacher (grades 7 and 8)**, Colstrip Public Schools District 19; Colstrip, MT; 1981 – 1984

Community Involvement and Awards:

Current Service

2018 – Present	Habitat for Humanity Mid-Yellowstone Valley Board
2017 – Present	St. Vincent de Paul Board
2016 – Present	Breakfast Exchange Club
2015 – Present	Friends of the Yellowstone National Cemetery (Chair, 2015-present)
2012 – Present	Association of Fundraising Professionals
2005 – Present	Area II Agency on Aging
2002 – Present	Rotary Club of Billings
1993 – Present	South Central Mental Health Board (Chair, 1994 – 2016)

Past Service

2011 – 2015 Big Sky Honor Flight (World War II and Korea), Community 7 Board of Directors

2011 – 2014 Relay for Life Steering Committee (Co-Chair, 2011 – 2012); CASA of Montana, Inc.

2010 – 2016 Salvation Army

2009 – 2015 BLM Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council

2008 – 2015 Volunteers of America Advisory Committee (Chair)

2006 – 2014 Society of Government Meeting Professionals

2006 – 2008 National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission
(appointed by Senator Baucus)

2005 – 2016 Adult Resource Alliance (previously known as Yellowstone Council on Aging)

2005 – 2007 Montana Transportation Commission, Chair; Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council

2005 – 2006 Billings Chamber Workforce Development Task Group; Transportation Task Group

2001 – 2016 Home Builders Association, Member

2000 – 2016 Yellowstone River Conservation District RAC

2000 – 2005 Residential Support Services Board Member

2000 – 2001 Big Sky International Air Show

1995 – 2014 Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
MACo Health & Human Services Committee (Chair, 1995 – 2012)
MACo Tax, Budget & Finance Committee: 2010 – 2011
MACo Conference Planning Committee: 2008 – 2012 (Vice-Chair, 2010 – 2011)
MACo Resolution & Legislative Committee: 2008 – 2012
MACo Past President, 2005 – 2007; President, 2004 – 2005; Vice-President, 2003 – 2004
MACo Transportation Committee: 1996 – 2000

1999 – 2016 National Association of Counties (NACo)
NACo Rural Action Caucus: 1999 – 2016 (Chair, 2005 – 2009)
NACo Health Steering Committee: 1999 – 2015 (Chair, 2003)
NACo Arts and Culture Commission (Chair, 2010 – 2011)
NACo Membership Committee (Chair, 2009 – 2010)
NACo Programs and Services Committee: 2009 – 2010
NACo Sustainability Leadership Team: 2007 – 2010
NACo Annual Conference Advisory Committee: 2007 – 2009 (Chair, 2008)
NACo Meth Action Group: 2005 – 2007
NACo/NACoRF Board of Directors: 2005 – 2014
NACo Homeland Security Task Force: 2003 – 2008

1999 – 2005 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission

1999 – 2000 National Governors' Association Policy Academy (welfare reform)

1999 – 2001 Montana Project

1998 – 2016 Youth Services Center Board, Chamber Agricultural Committee

1998 – 1999 Governor's Summit on Youth; Fuel Cell Advisory Committee; Cultural and Aesthetic
Committee; Youth Hostel

1997 – 2016 City/County Board of Health

1997 – 2005 Montana Job Training Partnership Inc. Board of Commissioners; Billings Community
Childcare Coalition

1997 – 2003 Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council

1997 – 2001 Northwest Energy Customer Advisory Panel (MPC)

1997 – 2000 Special Olympics Task Force for Year 2000

1997 – 1998 Workplace Volunteer Council

1996 – 2007	Montana Early Childhood Advisory Council
1996 – 2000	School District #2 Foundation Board; Partnership for Reform in Mathematics Education (Exxon and MSU Billings program)
1996 – 1998	Weed & Seed Committee Member
1996 – 1997	United Way Roundtable Advisory Board
1995 – 2004	Statewide Public Assistance Advisory Council
1995 – 2002	D.A.R.E. Board; Big Sky Balloon Fest Board member
1995 – 1998	Yellowstone County Road Policy Committee Chairman; YWCA Women’s Services Advisory Council
1995 – 1996	Library Coordinating Council
1994 – 1995	Montana Peoples Action Home Buyers Club
1993 – 2016	SouthCentral Regional Juvenile Detention Board
1993 – 2012	Pompeys Pillar Association Board (Ex-officio, 2009)
1993 – 2000	Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition (President, 1992 – 1994)
1993 – 1998	Bright & Beautiful Board Member; Solid Waste Board
1993 – 1996	American Diabetes Association; EMS-911 Task Force; Treasure Trail Girl Scouts Board of Directors
1993 – 1995	Member of Recycling Group; Families for Self-Sufficiency Board
1993 – 1994	Member of Community Health Care Task Force
1990 – 1993	St. Thomas Church Parish Council, President
1992 – 2002	National Society for the Prevention of Elder Abuse; Job Service Employers Committee
1991 – 1999	Foster Grandparent Board
1990 – 1996	West Billings Kiwanis
1989 – 1997	Even Start Advisory Board
1989 – 1995	Literacy Volunteers of America
1989 – 1990	National Council for Prevention of Child Abuse; Committee on Transitional Housing

Awards

1992	Award of Excellence for Community Service, Eastern Montana College
1998	Outstanding Alumnus Award, Recognition for Exceptional Contribution, Montana State University Billings
2013	Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser, Montana Chapter of AFP
2016	YWCA Salute Award
2016	Jeannette Rankin Peace Award, Rocky Mountain College’s Peace Studies

BILL KENNEDY

Bill Kennedy was born and raised in Billings, Montana. Bill attended schools in Billings, graduating from Billings West High School. He attended Eastern Montana College, then transferred to Montana State University (MSU) in Bozeman, MT, completing his Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education in 1981.

Bill taught for three years in Colstrip, MT (1981 – 1984). He returned to graduate school at Eastern Montana College in Billings and taught at the Billings Catholic Schools from 1984 – 1988. Bill received his Master's Degree in Personnel & Guidance from Eastern in 1986. Bill holds an administrative endorsement from MSU.

Leaving the teaching field, he became the parish administrator for St. Thomas Parish in Billings. He then took a position with School District #2 as director of the Even Start Family Literacy Program (1989 – 1992).

In 1992, Bill was elected Yellowstone County Commissioner. The board oversaw a budget of over \$100 million and over 450 employees. Bill served on many local, state and national boards and committees. Bill retired in 2016 from the County Commission and took over as the President & CEO of the Montana State University Billings Foundation.

Bill and his wife, (b)(6), have (b)(6) years together, raising (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) have (b)(6) (b)(6). (b)(6) is married to (b)(6). Family and education are very important to Bill. The ability to help students achieve a degree and their vision drives Bill in his current position. The future is bright through the education of our children.