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Chair, Board of Trustees  
June 17, 2022

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
MINING ENGINEERING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Mr. Christopher Prater to the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation Board of Directors for a two-year term ending June 30, 2024.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, which includes the dean of the college of engineering, recommended this appointment to the provost. This recommended appointment requires approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on December 14, 1982. This nomination is supported by the president and provost.

Biographical sketch of the appointee is attached.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, Inc.  
Board of Directors Biographical Information**

**Christopher Prater**

Christopher Prater is the Vice President of Operations of Rockwell Mining, LLC, a subsidiary of Blackhawk Mining, LLC. Christopher is a 2005 graduate of the University of Kentucky Engineering program with a Bachelor of Engineering in Mining Engineering and a 2008 graduate of the University of Charleston with a Master of Business Administration degree.

Christopher has held various positions in the mining industry ranging from staff engineering positions to his current role in complex management. Christopher is currently responsible for all aspects of the business unit including the safety, compliance and productivity of 550 employees. The complex currently operates five active underground mines, one surface mine, two loadouts and a preparation plant.

Christopher is currently active on the West Virginia Coal Mine Health and Safety Board and the third Vice President of the West Virginia State Holmes Safety Board. In addition to the two mining-related boards, Christopher also serves on the Boone County Economic Development Authority.