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Mr. Dennis Rose, Chairman of the Missouri Ethics Commission, announced today that the Commission has appointed James Klahr as Executive Director.

“He was the unanimous choice of our Commission. We are excited to have James as the new Executive Director and believe his years of experience working with both state and local officials will be an asset to the Commission,” stated Rose. “We also want to express our appreciation for the contributions Stacey Heislen has made during her tenure as Acting Director and are pleased she will continue to serve the Commission.”

Mr. Klahr received his bachelor’s degree in public policy and political science from Duke University and his law degree from Emory University. He has worked in Missouri state government since 1994. He served as a staff attorney for the Missouri Senate and later worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Missouri Attorney General’s Office from 1997 until 2009. In 2009, Mr. Klahr became the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Safety where he worked on legislative issues as well as implementation of numerous programs within the Department.

“I have enjoyed my tenure at the Department of Public Safety and look forward to serving the Ethics Commission as Executive Director,” said Klahr. “The Commission serves an important role in educating candidates for public office, public officials, and lobbyists about their duties under Missouri’s ethics and campaign finance laws and in making their compliance with those laws transparent to the public – I look forward to working with the dedicated staff at the Commission in carrying out its functions.”

Mr. Klahr will begin his duties on September 13, 2013.