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## **DAS Director Announces New Departmental Leadership Appointments**



**DAS Materiel Division Administrator Amara Block (right) after being administered the oath of office by NE Secretary of State Bob Evnen (left).**



**DAS 309 Task Force Administrator Sarah Skinner (right) after being administered the oath of office by NE Secretary of State Bob Evnen (left).**

**Lincoln** – Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Director Jason Jackson recently announced two new appointments within DAS’ administrative team. Amara Block has been appointed as the new Materiel Division Administrator and Sarah Skinner as the new 309 Task Force for Building Renewal (309 Task Force) Administrator.

DAS’ Materiel Division is responsible for establishing and providing centralized services in the areas of procurement, mail operations, printing and copier services, surplus property and inventory management, and operation of the State’s Sustainability Plan.

“Amara has shown great leadership and initiative while serving as the interim Materiel Administrator over the last year ” said Director Jackson. “As Materiel Administrator, she will ensure that our Materiel Division will continue to execute a number of exciting initiatives such as implementing an eProcurement System for the State, enhancing vendor accountability, and improving our interagency surplus property process.”

Block, from Brule, NE, joined DAS in September of 2019 as the Department’s General Counsel. She previously worked in the Nebraska State Legislature as Counsel for the Business and Labor Committee and for the Education Committee. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to receive her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology with minors in Criminal Justice and Political Science. She attended the Nebraska College of Law, receiving her Juris Doctor degree with concentrations in litigation skills and solo and small firm practice.

DAS’ 309 Task Force was created to address the State’s significant deferred building renewal needs in state-owned facilities by providing funding and oversight of building upgrades. The 309 Task Force evaluates deferred building renewal needs based on: deferred repair, fire and life safety, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and energy conservation.

“Sarah’s previous experience of over a decade of working in both State and Federal government has enabled her to hit the ground running in leading our 309 Task Force team,”

said Director Jackson. “We are excited to have Sarah as part of our team at DAS as she continues her career in public service for the people of Nebraska.”

Skinner, from McCook, NE, joined DAS in November of 2021 as the State’s 309 Task Force Administrator. Prior to her time with DAS, Sarah worked for over six years in the Nebraska State Legislature for various State Senators, and then later worked for U.S. Senator Deb Fischer in a variety of roles. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies.

Recently, both Block and Skinner were administered their oaths of office by Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen.

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