

RESOLUTION # _____

**“RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LARAMIE COUNTY
COMMUNITY JUVENILE SERVICES JOINT POWERS BOARD”**

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Laramie County, Wyoming, that Kelsey Prestesater, shall be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Laramie County Community Juvenile Services Joint Powers Board; to serve as the designated representative of Laramie County to the Board; to perform the duties of said Board according to law; and to complete the open term that started July 1, 2024 and is ending June 30, 2027.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2024.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:



Laramie County Attorney's Office

OATH OF APPOINTMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED does solemnly swear (or affirm) to honor and sustain the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Wyoming, and to faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge all duties as a member of the Laramie County Community Juvenile Services Joint Powers Board.

LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY JUVENILE
SERVICES JOINT POWERS BOARD

Signature

Date

Witness

Date

APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Board/committee/commission: Laramie County Community Juvenile Service Joint Powers Board

Name: Kelsey Prestesater Preferred Name: Kelsey

Mailing Address: 11602 Little Horse Road Home Address: 11602 Little Horse Road
Cheyenne, WY 82009 Cheyenne, WY 82009

Phone: (406) 210-8591 Spouse: Colin Prestesater

Occupation: Attorney Self-Employed? No

Employer/Name of business: Hathaway & Kunz, LLP

Address / Zip: 2515 Warren Avenue Suite 500 Phone: (307) 634-7723

Year Employed: 6 months Years of Laramie County Residency: 6 months

Fax: N/A Email: kprestesater@hkwyolaw.com Cell: (406) 210-8591

Education/Degrees: B.A. Political Science- University of Montana; J.D.- Gonzaga University School of Law

Other community memberships: CASA of Laramie County; TEAM Referral Group

Wyoming State Bar Association; Wyoming Young Lawyer's Council

Please explain your interest in serving on this Board/Committee/Commission (attach additional pages if needed):

Please see the attached PDF.

Signature: _____ Date: 09/20/2024

Please return to: Laramie County Commissioner's Office
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Cheyenne, WY 82001
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New Appointment: _____ or Reappointment: _____ Term Length: _____ Year(s)

Full Term: _____ or Unexpired Term: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Comments: _____

Addendum to Application for Laramie County Community Juvenile Service Joint Powers Board

I firmly believe that a healthy childhood is the bedrock of a successful future. For youth facing extreme trauma, unsafe home environments, or other adverse events, this Board plays an integral role in fulfilling unmet needs and ensuring the best future outcomes possible through oversight of the JSC and partnership with local organizations. I was surprised to learn from prior meetings that the efforts of this Board had led to a 50% reduction in not only the number of children facing detention, but also in the total amount of time spent there. I was also pleased to learn that when the Board had excess funds and no immediate need, it redirected them to organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Unaccompanied Students Initiative to expand services for youth.

I'm hopeful that I can join the ranks of the hardworking board members who have been instrumental effecting this type of positive change for our community's children.

I am a licensed attorney, and my initial experience in both prosecution and family law exposed me the critical need for robust juvenile services and the stark difference early intervention makes on the trajectory of a child's life. I've always been passionate about the wellbeing of children living in my community and beyond. During my undergraduate studies, I was a court-appointed special advocate for CASA of Missoula County in Montana. I also worked for Montana-based anti-human trafficking nonprofit, The Lifeguard Group, whereby we placed a special focus on preventative school programming targeted at runaway youth. I also volunteered my time with Camp-Mak-A-Dream and in Montana, two organizations focused on serving families enduring battles with pediatric cancer.

Immediately after relocating to Cheyenne, I began to seek out opportunities to become involved in my new community in a way that aligned with my values. I recently became a court-appointed special advocate with CASA of Laramie County and was thrilled when I discovered the opportunity to further contribute to my community through service on this Board.

Thank you kindly for your consideration of my application.

Respectfully,

Kelsey Prestesater