

Larry Hayes

Larry Hayes currently serves as secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development where he is responsible for the development and administration of executive policies designed to support and promote economic development within the Commonwealth.

Hayes was appointed cabinet secretary after serving in a dual role as Governor Steve Beshear's Executive Cabinet secretary and interim secretary for the Cabinet for Economic Development.

Prior to joining the Beshear administration in December 2007, Hayes served as both deputy mayor and secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet in the City of Louisville.

Hayes' extensive career also includes experience in the private sector including ownership of Midwest Construction, Inc. in Lexington and partial interests in a warehousing and distribution business in Elizabethtown.

Additionally, Hayes was involved in the creation of what is now known as Greater Louisville Inc., the state's largest regional economic development partnership, serving as its first president from 1987-1988.

Prior to his work in Louisville, Hayes was the executive assistant to the Kentucky State Senate President for six years before joining Governor Martha Layne Collins' administration as both secretary of the executive cabinet and state budget director from 1983 through 1987.