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The Honorable C. Edward Gaunch



The Honorable C. Edward Gaunch is a native of Boone County, and a 1970 WVSU graduate with a double major in economics and political science. He spent more than three decades in the insurance industry including 28 years at the Carson Agency in Charleston where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer for a number of years.

Gaunch was elected to the state senate representing Kanawha County in 2014 and in December 2018, he was appointed by Governor Jim Justice to serve as Cabinet Secretary for the West Virginia Department of Commerce beginning in January 2019.

He has served on numerous professional, business and community boards and foundations including: the BB&T/Charleston Board of Directors, the WVSU Foundation, the Believe in West Virginia Leadership Foundation, CAMC Foundation, Buckskin Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, University of Charleston, Alderson Broaddus College, King College, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center.

Gaunch is also active in his church, Emmanuel Baptist, where he has been a deacon and Sunday school teacher.