



**SIAM Meeting on 10/27/20 - Talk by Doctor Barbara Ballard
Kansas House of Representatives and Associate Director, Dole Institute of Politics**

- Dr. Ballard began by relating her journey to becoming a Kansas State legislator.
- Dr. Ballard emphasized the importance of taking an active role in the civil process, including voting in elections. She noted that the government is for all of us, and we have the right and responsibility to change elected officials.
- Dr. Ballard fielded questions from the audience regarding the upcoming elections and recent political events, including how long it will take to declare a winner and whether Democrats, if winning, would expand the Supreme Court.
- After Dr. Ballard finished speaking, the meeting continued with discussion of recent political events and the upcoming election.
- Prof. Pasik-Duncan closed the meeting by announcing no more nominations are needed for vacant SIAM and AWM positions.

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