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**BIOGRAPHIES OF
NEW MINISTERS****Audrey Gordon**

Gordon was elected as the MLA for Southdale on Sept.10, 2019, and made history as the first Black MLA to be sworn in as a member of the legislative assembly of Manitoba. With her appointment as minister of mental health, wellness and recovery, she has made history once again as Manitoba's first Black cabinet minister.

As an MLA, she served as a member of Treasury Board, the Gender Based Violence Committee of Cabinet, and the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

Before her election to the legislature, Gordon served as director of strategic initiatives with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and oversaw the implementation of numerous projects that improved the delivery of health-care services in the region.

Prior to joining the WRHA, Gordon worked for the government of Manitoba for 25 years in several departments including health, labour and immigration, and the Multiculturalism Secretariat. She holds a bachelor of arts, an MBA, and certificates in change management and applied counselling.

Gordon was born in Jamaica and is a long-time Winnipeg resident. She and her husband Winston are the proud parents of two sons.

Wayne Ewasko

Ewasko was first elected as the MLA for Lac du Bonnet in 2011, and was re-elected in 2016 and 2019. He served as chair of the government caucus from 2016 until his appointment as minister of advanced education, skills and immigration.

Ewasko is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with a bachelor of education as well as a post-baccalaureate degree in education. Prior to his election to the Manitoba legislature, he worked for 17 years as a teacher and guidance counsellor in the Sunrise School Division. In 2008, he received the Teacher of Distinction Award from Brandon University.

Ewasko grew up on a farm in the Brokenhead area near Beausejour. Together, he and his wife Tracey have two wonderful sons. He is an active member of his community, having served as a volunteer with a number of organizations including the Beausejour Lions Club.

Derek Johnson

Johnson was first elected as the MLA for Interlake in 2016 and re-elected in the new constituency of Interlake–Gimli in 2019. As an MLA, he was a member of Treasury Board and, until his appointment as minister of municipal relations, served as government whip.

Before his election to the legislature, Johnson served as a councillor for the RM of St. Laurent from 2010 to 2014 with responsibilities that included finance, drainage and emergency services. During his time on council, he also served on the West Interlake Planning District and helped guide his community through the unprecedented flood of 2011.

In addition to serving in elected office, Johnson worked for many years as a financial advisor in the Interlake area and as assistant branch manager for a local financial institution.

He was born and raised in Oak Point, which his family has called home for the past four generations. He is a proud to call the Interlake home and lives along the shores of Lake Manitoba with his wife Tara and their two children.