



Elizabeth Hutt Pollard

Secretary of Science and Innovation

Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Pollard as Secretary of Science and Innovation on June 29, 2020. In this position, Pollard places a strategic emphasis on enabling science and innovation to impact health, commerce and stem education for Oklahoma. Prior to her appointment by Governor Stitt, Pollard served as Deputy Secretary of Science and Innovation under Secretary Kayse Shrum.

In addition to her cabinet role, Pollard is Executive Chair of Applied Silver, a materials science health-tech company located in Silicon Valley addressing infection control and antibiotic stewardship. She is a C-Suite veteran and has extensive global experience scaling businesses, building commercial and academic partnerships, and bringing to market highly specialized technology and solutions, including software and microfluidics, for healthcare, pharma, diagnostics and life science research. Because of her expertise in genomic tools and test development, Pollard serves as an advisor to the Oklahoma Department of Health's Covid-19 testing response and has been instrumental in fostering commercial technology partnerships for the state's Covid-19 testing. In addition, Pollard advises several early-stage healthcare companies and has held board director roles in public, private and non-profit organizations. Most recently, Pollard has been named to the 2020-2023 YPO Global Board of Directors and serves on the finance committee. YPO's 31,000 executive leaders represent businesses that together account for the world's 3rd largest GDP. Pollard is a past member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), Women Corporate Directors (WCD), and the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Pollard moved to Oklahoma in 2018 from California because of her appreciation for the state's infrastructure, culture and values. She and her husband, Dennis, reside in Edmond. She is a native Michigander and received her BA in Chemistry from Michigan State University and MS in Administration from Central Michigan University.