BIO – Dr. Pete McCown



**Short Bio**

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**Long Bio**

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In 2014, he was appointed to be one of five members of the board for the South Bend – Elkhart Regional Development Authority. He has been instrumental in determining how to best invest the state’s $42 million in the region, spurring additional quality of life projects in the region, as well as overseeing several processes to guide planning for the future of the region.

From 2004 to 2011, McCown served as a professor of business and vice president for advancement at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Prior to that he was vice president for advancement at Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York.

He has graduate degrees — a masters in education and a doctorate in social science — from the State University of New York. He also has a masters in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University.

McCown is a consultant for numerous colleges and seminaries on fundraising and leadership development. He is a member of the Spring Arbor University Board of Trustees.

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