

# Political Affairs Lecture Series: Practical Politics and Policymaking

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## Career Reflections: Policy Development

### Ron Gordon

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4:00 P.M.

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Ron Gordon is the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, having been appointed to that position by Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. in February 2009. In that capacity, Gordon oversees a twenty-one-member commission charged with coordinating criminal and juvenile justice policy throughout Utah. He works closely with executive branch agencies, the legislature, judiciary, and local governments, as well as private providers, in policy development, and he also serves on the governor's senior staff as an advisor on criminal justice policy. Previously, Gordon served as the director of the Office of Crime Victim Reparations, coordinator of the Criminal Justice Advisory Council in Salt Lake County, director of the Utah Sentencing Commission, and staff attorney to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. He received a BS from Brigham Young University and a JD from the University of Utah. His greatest joys and rewards in life are found in spending time with his wife and their three children.

Lecture will be followed by a Q&A session that will conclude at 5:30 P.M.