



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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GOVERNOR QUINN APPOINTS SPANN-COOPER TO RACING BOARD

CHICAGO, IL - - Governor Pat Quinn announced the appointment of Melody Spann-Cooper to the Illinois Racing Board. President of WVON Radio, Chicago's only African-American owned and operated radio station, she is also Chairman of the station's parent company, Midway Broadcasting Corporation. She is the only female to hold these coveted positions in the 3rd largest broadcast market in the country. She joined an elite list of female broadcast owners in 1999 when she purchased the company's controlling interest.

Spann-Cooper holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Loyola University Chicago. She is married and is the daughter of legendary radio personality Pervis Spann. Her appointment is a six-year term effective September 5, 2014.