

# CRAIG W. HAGIN

## **PUBLIC LEADERSHIP, FINANCIAL CONTEXT, AFFILIATIONS, TRAVEL, RACING, AND POLITICAL-ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH**

*A public-source research brief*

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*Purpose: to distinguish publicly documented roles, affiliations, activities, financial-record limits, and current legal/institutional status from speculation or unsupported online claims.*

## Executive summary

Craig Wayne Hagin is a third-generation leader within the Rhema/Kenneth Hagin Ministries system. Before June 2026, public biographies identified him as an associate pastor of Rhema Bible Church, instructor at Rhema Bible Training College, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Kenneth Hagin Ministries, leader connected to Synergy, ordained through Rhema Ministerial Association International, author/speaker, podcast host, and a participant in public political and racing activities. [1][2]

The available public record supports a meaningful distinction between his institutional authority and his personal finances. Public sources establish executive and organizational roles, but they do not establish a verified personal salary, compensation package, net worth, ownership percentage in ministry assets, personal ownership of Rhema/Kenneth Hagin Ministries property, or the source of funds used for private activities such as racing. Rhema Bible Church/Kenneth Hagin Ministries is categorized as a church and is not required to file public annual Form 990 returns; consequently, the usual officer-compensation disclosures are not available through the organization’s public federal filings. [3]

The strongest supported non-ministry affiliations located in this review are Hagin Racing and Oklahoma Ruff Refuge. A public professional profile describes Craig Hagin as owner/marketing manager of Hagin Racing; a 2018 sprint-racing article identified Kenneth Hagin as the car owner and Craig Hagin as handling fueling duties. Those records support longstanding involvement, but do not independently resolve the legal ownership, revenue, expenses, sponsorship agreements, or financing of the racing operation. [4][5]

Craig Hagin also had publicly documented political engagement: media and organizational sources identify him as a Pastors for Trump board member, a ReAwaken America Tour speaker/participant, and a podcast host or guest discussing Christian political participation. This is evidence of public political-network involvement; it is not, by itself, evidence of campaign-law violations, paid political consulting, official public office, or a personal political-donation record. [6]-[10]

On June 3, 2026, Rhema publicly ended Craig Hagin’s employment, leadership roles, and ministry association, said he was no longer authorized to act for Rhema, and stated it had removed his access to organizational systems, accounts, and ministry platforms. Rhema’s statement says a pending criminal matter should proceed without speculation and separately refers to “separate and credible information” about conduct inconsistent with ministry-leadership standards. The statement does not publicly disclose the underlying information, compensation details, audit findings, or a financial-loss allegation. [11]

### Research classification guide

Label	Meaning used in this report
Confirmed public record	Official statement, public organizational page, government/IRS-derived source, or reputable contemporaneous reporting.
Publicly described role	A role stated by an organization, event host, professional profile, or the subject’s public-facing materials.
Reported financial filing	A foreclosure, lien, or other filing described by a news outlet; the underlying court/record image should be independently obtained before treating the amount or status as final.
Not established	No reliable public source located in this review to support a definitive claim.

## 1. Public leadership, education, and organizational authority

Public biographies before the June 2026 separation repeatedly described Craig Hagin as an associate pastor of Rhema Bible Church, an instructor at Rhema Bible Training College, COO of Kenneth Hagin Ministries, a

Synergy leader, and host of a current-events/life-tips podcast. The same biographies state that he received an Oklahoma State University bachelor’s degree in 1991, graduated from Rhema Bible Training College in 1993, and received a Doctor of Ministry degree from School of Bible Theology Seminary & University in 2021. [1][2]

Public role or affiliation	What the source supports	What it does not establish
Rhema Bible Church	Associate pastor/co-pastor role before removal; public ministry platform.	Personal ownership of the church or entitlement to church assets.
Kenneth Hagin Ministries	COO / operational leadership before removal.	Personal salary, profit share, ownership percentage, or authority to personally use organizational funds.
Rhema Bible Training College	Instructor before removal.	Faculty compensation, class revenue, or degree accreditation conclusions beyond the cited school materials.
Synergy	Publicly described leader of a singles/young-married ministry.	Separate legal entity, budget, or compensation arrangement.
Rhema Ministerial Association International	Public biography says he was ordained through RMAI.	Whether membership was current after June 2026 unless confirmed by RMAI.
Public media / podcasts	Speaker, author, and podcast participant.	Compensation, monetization, sponsorship income, or ownership of platform accounts.

## 2. Financial interest, salary, and net-worth verification

Salary and compensation: no verified personal salary figure was located. The organization’s public tax profile identifies Rhema Bible Church/Kenneth Hagin Ministries as a church and states that it is not required to submit annual public tax filings. Available historical filings shown there are 990-T filings for unrelated business income, not annual officer-compensation disclosures. No audited salary schedule, W-2, employment contract, board-approved compensation record, or named-executive Form 990 compensation entry for Craig Hagin was located in this review. [3]

Personal net worth: no reliable public source located here establishes Craig Hagin’s net worth. Online estimate sites, generalized ministry wealth claims, family wealth assumptions, property values, vehicles, racing equipment, travel, and the scale of an affiliated religious organization are not proof of a person’s net worth. A defensible public statement is: “No verified personal net-worth figure located in reviewed public sources.”

Financial hardship / public filings: The Roys Report stated in March 2026 that Tulsa County District Court records showed a half-million-dollar foreclosure filed in January and an almost \$36,000 tax lien filed in December involving Craig and Mia Hagin. This report treats that as reported filing information, not a final adjudication or proof of insolvency. The underlying docket, lien instrument, case disposition, payment status, and parties’ defenses must be checked before publication of exact dollar figures as final facts. [12]

### Financial-interest matrix

Interest area	Supported public information	Verified amount / ownership status
Ministry compensation	COO, pastor, instructor, and administrative functions were publicly described.	No verified salary, bonus, deferred compensation, or severance amount located.
Church/ministry assets	Rhema/KHM are institutional entities; church filing exemption limits public compensation visibility.	No record located showing Craig Hagin personally owned ministry assets or held an equity interest.
Hagin Racing	Professional profile and racing materials connect Craig to the operation; family participation is public.	No verified entity registration, revenue, expenses, sponsor payments, or equity percentage located.
Oklahoma Ruff Refuge	GuideStar self-reported data identified him as treasurer/board member and a fundraising contact.	No verified compensation or related-party transaction record located in this review.

Interest area	Supported public information	Verified amount / ownership status
Property / debt matters	News reporting described a foreclosure and tax lien filing.	No conclusion on current balance, disposition, or net assets without primary records.
Political activity	Board/speaker/network participation is documented.	No verified PAC salary, campaign salary, or contribution total located in reviewed public sources.

### 3. Racing activity and potential financial-interest questions

Racing is not a peripheral detail when the stated purpose is financial-interest mapping. Public sources indicate a sustained family racing operation rather than a single recreational outing. A public LinkedIn profile described Craig Hagin as owner and marketing manager of Hagin Racing, with Cameron Hagin competing in sprint-car and midget racing. A 2018 United Sprint League item identified Kenneth Hagin as the car owner and Craig Hagin as responsible for fueling duties for the No. 5 sprinter. Recent public social posts also show the Hagin Racing sprint car being prepared for Cameron Hagin’s races at Creek County Speedway and other regional tracks. [4][5][13]

What this establishes: direct, multi-year involvement in a branded racing operation; a recurring connection with a family driver; and a public-facing marketing/sponsor context. What it does not establish: source of capital, who paid for equipment or travel, the legal owner of each car, any use of nonprofit funds, sponsorship revenue, or whether the racing operation is profitable. Those claims require entity records, sponsor contracts, bank records, tax returns, invoices, or sworn testimony.

#### Questions appropriate for transparency review

- What legal entity, DBA, or individual owns the Hagin Racing brand, cars, trailers, equipment, and intellectual property?
- What are the racing operation’s principal sources of funds: personal funds, sponsors, prize money, loans, gifts, or another entity?
- Did any ministry employee, ministry equipment, ministry vendor, ministry marketing channel, or nonprofit-funded travel support the racing operation?
- Were conflicts of interest reviewed when a chief operating officer had outside commercial or family ventures? If so, by whom and under what written policy?

### 4. Memberships, boards, and organizational affiliations

Organization / network	Publicly supported connection	Status caution
Rhema Bible Church	Pastor/co-pastor before June 2026; separation statement says no longer in ministerial, leadership, administrative, governance, or decision-making role. [11]	Do not describe as current leadership after June 3, 2026.
Kenneth Hagin Ministries	COO before June 2026; institutional connection ended according to Rhema. [11]	No current operational role supported after removal.
Rhema Bible Training College	Instructor before June 2026. [1]	No current faculty role supported after removal.
Rhema Ministerial Association International	Public biography states he was ordained through RMAI. [2]	Current credential status needs direct confirmation from RMAI.
Oklahoma Ruff Refuge, Inc.	GuideStar self-reported governance profile listed Mia Hagin as president and Craig Hagin as board member/treasurer; fundraising contact shown as Craig. [14] [15]	Organization-provided profile is not a substitute for state filings, 990s, minutes, or compensation records.

Organization / network	Publicly supported connection	Status caution
Pastors for Trump	December 2022 launch release and later reporting identified Craig Hagin as a board member. [6][7]	Board membership does not prove campaign-finance activity or employment.
ReAwaken America Tour	Organizational pages and media reporting identify him as a speaker/participant. [8][9]	Speaking does not alone establish payment, event ownership, endorsement, or legal responsibility for other speakers.
Hagin Racing	Professional profile and race content associate him with owner/marketing and operational duties. [4][5]	Legal entity and ownership details require primary business records.

## 5. Travel and international ministry footprint

Public materials support substantial international ministry activity, but each claim needs to be kept specific. A MinistryWatch profile describes Craig Hagin as ministering individually and jointly in crusades, seminars, and other meetings and lists international Rhema training centers. Brazilian ministry sources show him as a guest speaker at a Rhema Brazil graduation in 2013, at Verbo da Vida Orlando in 2023, and in Brazil-based ministry content in 2025-2026. A personal public profile also states that he was “back home” after two weeks in Brazil. [16]-[20]

This establishes public international-facing ministry work and travel references, especially related to Brazil. It does not establish travel funding, reimbursement source, travel companions, customs or currency activity, use of ministry credit cards, or whether international trips were personal, ministry-funded, event-funded, or donor-funded. Those questions require expense reports, invoices, board minutes, travel policies, donor designations, and reimbursement records.

Documented / publicly described travel item	Source type	Safe wording
2013 Rhema Brasil graduation	Brazilian ministry publication	“Listed as a guest speaker / preacher at a Rhema Brasil graduation.”
2023 Verbo da Vida Orlando	Craig Hagin public post	“Publicly posted that he ministered at Verbo da Vida Orlando, described as a Brazilian church.”
2025-2026 Brazil content	Brazilian church/podcast/social posts	“Brazilian ministry outlets published sermons or references featuring Craig Hagin.”
KHM international footprint	MinistryWatch and Rhema-related materials	“The broader ministry had international training and meeting activity; that does not prove that Craig attended every location.”

## 6. Political engagement, public speech, and network participation

The internet record supports public political engagement. The Frontier reported that Craig Hagin was announced as a Pastors for Trump board member in a December 2022 release. A Pastors for Trump episode from 2024 identified him in connection with Rhema and the group. ReAwaken America pages list him as a featured speaker, and Rolling Stone reported that he took the podium at the May 2023 ReAwaken America convention at Trump National Doral. Rhema’s podcast feed also published a 2022 episode in which Craig Hagin and guests discussed Christianity and politics and encouraged Christians to run for office. [6]-[10]

This is enough to characterize him as publicly engaged in political-religious networks. It is not enough to say he held public office, ran a campaign, received campaign compensation, directed a PAC, or made a particular contribution. Searches of readily available public web results did not produce a verified FEC or Oklahoma Ethics Commission contribution record uniquely attributable to Craig W. Hagin. That is a negative research

result, not proof that no contribution or record exists; exact-name searches, address disambiguation, PAC databases, and state campaign-finance records should be repeated before making a categorical claim.

**Political-network map**

Connection	Evidence	Careful interpretation
Pastors for Trump	Board-member identification in 2022 launch reporting and later coverage. [6] [7]	Demonstrates network governance/association; not necessarily compensation or legal responsibility for the organization.
ReAwaken America	Speaker lists and contemporaneous reporting show public participation. [8] [9]	Demonstrates public participation; no fee or contract located.
Rhema podcast political content	Published 2022 episode addressed Christianity and politics. [10]	Demonstrates a public platform for political discussion, not electioneering by itself.
Clay Clark / ThriveTime media	Podcast/show content featured Craig Hagin with Clay Clark. [21]	Demonstrates media collaboration or guest participation, not a business partnership.

**7. Current institutional and legal-status context**

Rhema’s June 3, 2026 statement is the controlling primary source for institutional status: it ended Craig Hagin’s employment, leadership roles, and association with Rhema and its ministries; it said he could no longer serve, speak, or act for Rhema; it said he had no role in governance, direction, operations, or decision-making; and it said access to organizational systems, accounts, and ministry platforms was removed. [11]

News reports in March 2026 reported that Craig Hagin was arrested and later charged with two counts of animal cruelty after authorities investigated conditions at a south Tulsa home. At the June 3 statement, Rhema described the criminal matter as pending. This report uses “charged” and “pending” rather than “convicted” because no final outcome is established in the sources reviewed for this update. [22][23]

The separation statement also references “separate and credible information” regarding conduct inconsistent with ministry standards. That information has not been publicly detailed in the statement. It should not be converted into specific factual accusations absent primary documentation, sworn testimony, court filings, or corroborated investigative reporting. [11]

**8. What the public record does not presently establish**

- Craig Hagin’s annual compensation, bonus, housing allowance, retirement contribution, insurance, travel allowance, reimbursements, or severance package from Rhema/KHM.
- A verified personal net-worth figure, complete asset inventory, bank balance, tax return, probate inventory, or audited personal financial statement.
- Whether any specific ministry fund, donor contribution, tuition dollar, church offering, or nonprofit asset was used for Hagin Racing, personal travel, or any private expense.
- The legal entity structure, ownership percentage, revenue, losses, sponsor agreements, or cash flow of Hagin Racing.
- The current status of RMAI credentials or any other membership after the June 2026 separation.
- Any final judicial disposition of Craig Hagin’s pending animal-cruelty case from the sources reviewed for this report.
- Any reliable, attributable finding that Craig Hagin engaged in campaign-finance violations, embezzlement, tax fraud, money laundering, or misuse of charitable assets.

## 9. Recommended records requests and next research steps

Priority	Record / question	Why it matters
1	Obtain the underlying Tulsa County foreclosure and lien records, including all docket entries and release/satisfaction documents.	Distinguishes filing allegations from current legal and financial status.
2	Request or preserve board minutes, conflict-of-interest policies, compensation approvals, expense policies, and audit reports for the relevant period.	Tests governance, oversight, related-party transactions, and accountability controls.
3	Search Oklahoma Secretary of State registrations, UCC filings, DBA records, and county business licenses for Hagin Racing and related names.	Identifies legal entity, registered agents, and available ownership/filing information.
4	Obtain Oklahoma Ruff Refuge annual filings, IRS Form 990/990-EZ if filed, bylaws, board roster, and related-party disclosures.	Clarifies governance role, compensation, fundraising, and transactions.
5	Request itemized travel and reimbursement records under any applicable organizational policy or litigation discovery process.	Separates ministry travel, event-funded travel, and personal travel.
6	Search FEC, Oklahoma Ethics Commission, county campaign reports, and committee filings using full name/address disambiguation.	Verifies or rules out political contributions, committee roles, or paid services.
7	Confirm credential status directly with RMAI and current employment status directly with each named institution.	Avoids relying on stale biographies after June 2026.

## 10. Clean public conclusion

The public record supports that Craig W. Hagin held unusually broad authority within a multigenerational ministry system before June 2026 and also maintained visible affiliations in racing, animal-rescue governance, and political-religious networks. The record does not support a verified personal salary, personal net worth, ministry-asset ownership, or a conclusion that nonprofit resources funded any outside activity. Because Rhema/Kenneth Hagin Ministries is treated as a church for federal filing purposes, normal annual public compensation transparency is limited. The most responsible public framing is to identify the documented roles, name the financial and governance questions that remain unanswered, preserve the distinction between institutional assets and personal wealth, and avoid filling gaps with rumor.

## Sources reviewed and source notes

The following source list is included so each public claim can be checked at its origin. URLs were accessed or identified June 23, 2026. Some social-media and platform sources may change or become unavailable; preserve screenshots, archive links, and publication dates for website use.

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- [9] Rolling Stone, “Evil Mermaids, Demons, and Donald: This Pro-Trump ...” (May 15, 2023), reporting Craig Hagin speaking at ReAwaken America at Trump National Doral.
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- [11] Rhema Bible Church, “Statement Regarding Craig Hagin,” June 3, 2026, <https://www.rhemabiblechurch.com/statementrbclleadership/>
- [12] The Roys Report, “Grandson of Word of Faith leader Kenneth Hagin arrested for animal cruelty” (Mar. 25, 2026), reporting foreclosure and tax-lien filings; use only with primary-record verification, <https://roysreport.com/grandson-of-word-of-faith-leader-kenneth-hagin-arrested-for-animal-cruelty/>
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