



## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

February 8, 2023

By Janice Lanier JD, RN

Liaison Public Policy Committee

Speaker of the Ohio House, Jason Stephens (Kitts Hill), released the names of the republicans appointed to the 28 standing house committees that will be doing important legislative work during the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Minority Leader Allison Russo (Upper Arlington) announced democrat appointees last week. Standing committees are subject matter focused and an early stop in the legislative process for most bills. Committees are the site where testimony is offered, amendments considered, and votes taken that determine whether a bill will languish in committee or receive further attention from the full house and senate. The republican party appointments were delayed due to the ongoing infighting that became public in early January during the battle over who would assume the powerful Speaker of the House position. Ultimately Stephens was elected Speaker largely due to the 32 democrat votes that aligned with 22 republicans to create the unexpected result. The hard feelings generated by this vote remain an issue and may factor into how the house handles its business going forward.

The make-up and leadership of these committees can be indicative of how a particular session of the General Assembly is likely to unfold. Republicans hold 68% of the house seats and democrats 32% in the current legislature, and this year's committee appointments reflect similar percentages in the number of republicans and democrats named to each committee. That proportionality could be important in decision-making within and outside the committees.

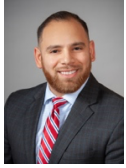
Following are the names and brief biographies of members of the standing committees most likely to be working on bills of particular interest to nurses and the nursing profession. (*Source: ohiohouse.gov as of February 8, 2023*).

### Table of Contents

Health Provider Services	Page 2
Public Health Policy	Page 6
Behavioral Health	Page 10
Families & Aging	Page 13
Finance Subcommittee Health & Human Services	Page 15
Finance Subcommittee Higher Education	Page 16
Finance	Page 18
Insurance	Page 25

## Health Provider Services Committee

**Chair: Al Cutrona (R-Youngstown)**



Rep. Cutrona is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the house. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Youngstown State University and earned a Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Cutrona currently holds a position as the COO for a large tri-county infectious disease medical practice and is practicing at a consumer bankruptcy law firm, Amourgis & Associates. He is a lifetime member of the NRA and describes himself as a proud Hispanic Italian. His father is a leading physician in infectious diseases. His mother is a real estate agent.

**Vice chair: Jennifer Gross (R-West Chester)**



Rep. Gross is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the House. She is a 21-year Air Force veteran having retired from the military in 2008. She has been a family nurse practitioner for over 16 years and a registered nurse for over 30 years. Prior to becoming an NP, she managed a \$3 million territory for Eli Lilly. Most recently, she participated as a sub-investigator for Operation WARP Speed developing treatments for COVID 19. She is married with two children and believes in strong public policy that supports Ohio business success, legislation that supports and protects the unborn, and will uphold Ohioan's Constitutional freedoms.

**Ranking Minority Member: Anita Somani (D-Dublin)**



Rep. Somani is serving her first term in the house. She is a practicing OB/GYN at OhioHealth having earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. In addition to her medical practice, she serves as co-chair of the Physicians' Action Network and is the State Director for South Asians for America Services Board. She is also a board member of the Columbus Medical Association and Planned Parenthood of Ohio. Her priorities include working for quality and affordable healthcare, sensible gun legislation, and fully investing in public education so every child has the tools needed to succeed. Rep. Somani is a first-generation immigrant from India. She is married with two children and has completed ten half marathons.

## **Members:**

### **Rachel Baker (D-Anderson Township)**



Rep. Baker is serving her first term in the Ohio house. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati, a masters' degree in social work from the University of Michigan, and a PhD in nursing from the University of Cincinnati. Professionally, she is a nurse researcher providing leadership and strategic planning related to a healthcare system's nursing evidence-based practice and research activities. She also is an adjunct instructor for graduate nursing students at several universities. She volunteers as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate providing support for children experiencing abuse and neglect. She is the mother of three children all of whom are volunteers and active in school orchestras, and multiple athletic teams.

### **Rep Tim Barhorst (R-Ft Loraime)**



Rep. Barhorst is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wright State University and is a founder of financial planning group services in Ohio and the Midwest and owns and operates a local restaurant in Celina. Rep. Barhorst wants to use his small business experience to improve how government works for people and to find solutions to the challenging issues facing Ohio. He has one child.

### **Rep. Adam Bird (R-New Richmond)**



Rep. Bird is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He describes himself as an advocate for Ohio's schools and students having spent three decades as a leader in public education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent at Wester Brown Senior High School, Batavia Middle School, and New Richmond Exempted Village School District. He is married with four adult children and five grandchildren.

### **Rep. Darnell T. Brewer (D-Cleveland)**



Rep. Brewer is serving his first term in the Ohio House. He was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in urban studies with a minor in communications and a certificate in nonprofit management from Cleveland State University. He also holds a master's degree in legal studies from Cleveland State University School of Law and received certification as a community health worker (CHW) and as an Ohio prevention specialist II. He has served as a social services coordinator for over 15 years and held positions as an assistant administrator, parent liaison, WAVE meditation training and providers, and truancy officer with Cleveland Public Schools.

### **Rep. Jamie Callender (R-Concord)**



Rep. Callender is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He earned his undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University and a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He continues to practice law at a small law office in Lake County and has taught at Kent State for over 12 years. He received the NRA's Defender of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Award for his efforts to protect Constitutional rights and is a two-time winner of the Watchdog of the Treasury Award. He and his family reside in Concord.

### **Rep. Beth Liston (D-Dublin)**



Rep. Liston is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She earned her medical degree and a PhD from The Ohio State University and subsequently trained in internal medicine and pediatrics at Yale New Haven Hospital. Upon completing her residency, she joined the faculty at OSU. Clinically, she has worked as a hospitalist at OSU Wexner Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital. Liston has been a member of the House Health Committee during her previous terms in office and is a past president of the Columbus Medical Association and a member of the Dublin-Worthington Rotary. She is married with two children.

### **Rep. Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield)**



Rep. Manchester is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio House. She grew up on a family farm and went on to graduate from The Ohio State University with degrees in psychology and political science. Following graduation, she worked in Washington D.C. for Congressman Jim Jordan. Upon returning to Ohio, she began working with a nonprofit organization focused on mentoring children. She served on the House Health Committee during a previous term and chaired the House Families, Aging and Human Services Committee. She also co-chaired the Ohio Legislative Children’s Caucus and has been honored for her work by the Public Children’s Services Association and recognized as a champion of children by the Ohio Children’s Alliance.

### **Rep. Melanie Miller (R-Ashland)**



Rep. Miller is serving her 1<sup>st</sup> term in the Ohio House. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications and digital media and film from Cleveland State University and is a graduate of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ashland Program. Currently, she serves as Mayor of Ashland and as the executive director of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center (APCC). Prior to joining APCC, she was the youth ministries director at the Salvation Army Kroc Community Center in Ashland. She is a former dancer for the Cleveland Cavaliers and holds several beauty pageant titles. She also worked in on-air television for WBNX, CW, and the TCT network.

### **Rep. Terrence Upchurch (D-Cleveland)**



Rep. Upchurch is serving his first term in the Ohio house. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Cleveland State University and is pursuing a master’s of public administration from Villanova University. He recently served as a special assistant to Cleveland City Council and worked alongside Cuyahoga County Councilman Anthony Hairston. These experiences have given him a keen understanding of the nuances of government. He wants to reverse the impact his constituents have felt by the continuous legislative cuts to community resources.

## **Rep. Tom Young (R-Washington Township)**



Rep. Young is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio House. He holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University of Ohio and is a vice president of wealth management at UBS Financial Services. Previously he was the senior vice president of family wealth advisors with Morgan Stanley. He was appointed as chair of the House Higher Education Committee for the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and was a member of the House Health Committee during his previous legislative term. *(Source: Linked-In)*

## **Public Health Policy Committee**

### **Chair: Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin)**



Rep. Lipps is serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Ohio house. He attended the College of Wooster and pursued a master's degree at DePaul University in Chicago. Prior to joining the General Assembly, he was a member of the Franklin City Council and served as mayor. Lipps has been a businessman and a volunteer in his community through philanthropy with the Masons and Shriners and participation in professional organizations such as the NFIB state board, Optimists, Rotary, and Farm Bureau. He was chair of the House Health Committee in the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### **Vice chair: Rep. Brian Stewart (R-Ashville)**



Rep. Stewart is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He enlisted for active duty in the Army after experiencing 9/11 as a high school senior. He is an infantry veteran of the Iraq War and was awarded commendation medals for his service. Following active duty, he earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from The Ohio State University. In addition to his public service, he maintains a law practice representing businesses and individuals through his Law Office of Brian Stewart LLC located in Circleville. He is a passionate sports fan, and enjoys target

shooting, books on American history, and the music of Johnny Cash. He is married with three children.

**Ranking Minority Member: Rep. Beth Liston (D-Dublin)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Members:**

**Rep. Munira Yasin Abdullahi (D-Columbus)**



Rep. Abdullahi is serving her first term in the Ohio house. She grew up in Columbus and graduated from the Columbus Alternative High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations from The Ohio State University. She began her public service working in a nonprofit advocating for and promoting youth development, leadership, and community service. As a person with type-1 diabetes, she is especially passionate about providing affordable health care for all. She is the oldest of nine children (eight girls!) and the first Somali American Muslim woman to serve in the Ohio legislature. Her hobbies include weightlifting, martial arts, reading, and soccer.

**Rep. Rachel Baker (D-Anderson Township)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

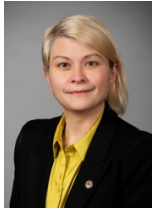
**Rep. Adam Bird (R-New Richmond)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Steve Demetriou (R-Bainbridge Township)**



Rep. Demetriou is serving his first term in the Ohio house. He studied economics at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point where he earned a bachelor's degree. After West Point, he was commissioned as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. He completed Army ranger and airborne training and served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was awarded the Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service. Demetriou now owns an investment business with his family. He and his wife have two young children.

### **Rep. Michele Grim (D-Toledo)**



Rep. Grim is serving her first term in the Ohio house. She earned a doctorate in law and policy from Northeastern University and a master's in public health from the University of Toledo. She has served in public health roles in government, university research, and nonprofit healthcare providers. Prior to her election to the house, she was an at-large member of the Toledo City Council where she established the first stand-alone committee on health. She spearheaded Toledo's groundbreaking medical debt relief initiative and worked to strengthen medical care for the underserved.

### **Rep. Adam Holmes (R-Nashport)**



Rep. Holmes was first appointed to the Ohio house during the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. This will be his 3<sup>rd</sup> term. He earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's in global leadership from the University of San Diego. He spent 27 years in the U.S. Marine Corps retiring as a colonel in 2016. His military experience includes 40 combat missions supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and he logged 3000 flight hours supporting crisis response missions in multiple locations. He is now the CEO of Frueh Enterprises, a mechanical and industrial contracting company, in Zanesville. He is married with two children.

### **Rep. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander)**



Rep. Jordan is serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Ohio house after completing two terms in the Ohio senate. He was first elected to the house in 2008 after serving six years as a County Commissioner for Delaware County. Jordan holds a bachelor's degree in political science from The Ohio State University. He is an active member of the NRA and Delaware Right to Life and the Farm Bureau. He describes himself as a strong social conservative, having been named Watchdog of the Treasury twice and receiving a 100% conservative rating from the American Conservative Union. He notes that he has never voted for a tax increase.



### **Rep. Angela King (R-Celina)**



Rep. King is serving her first term in the Ohio house. She holds a bachelor of science degree in organizational leadership and a master's degree in business administration both from Wright State University. She is a small business owner and grew up on a family farm, the oldest of five children. Her public service career includes serving on the Celina City Council for 11 years and as the Mercer County Recorder for 11 years. When she discovered her infant daughter was deaf she became a strong advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing. She is a licensed realtor and a former member of the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee, and a current board member for the Western Ohio Community Action Partnership. She is married with two children and three grandchildren.

### **Rep. Anita Somani (D-Dublin)**

**See Health Provider Services Committee**

### **Rep. Andrea White (R-Kettering)**



Rep. White is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She holds a bachelor's degree from Wright State University. She served as the Clerk of Courts for Kettering Municipal Court from 2004 until her election to the house. She is a small business owner providing communication and process improvement consulting solutions for corporations, small businesses, arts, health care and other nonprofits for 15 years. She also worked as a hospital communications professional. She was the program coordinator for a statewide organization to increase inclusion and eliminate barriers for people with developmental disabilities. Her community leadership includes working on initiatives to address teen alcohol and drug abuse and addiction, hunger, and criminal justice issues. She served on the Montgomery County Community Overdose Action Team, the Drug-Free Coalition, and the Prevention Coalition. She is married with three children and four grandchildren.

## Behavioral Health Committee

**Chair: Rep. Gail Pavliga (R-Portage County)**



Rep. Pavliga is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. Prior to her election, she had extensive community involvement including being a Sunday School teacher, host volunteer family for the Alliance Area Ulster Project and supporter of several area recreational and community sports teams. She was a member and previous vice president of the Portage County Republican Women's Club. Pavliga holds a PhD in education psychology from the University of Akron and a master's degree in Individual/family studies/counseling, and a bachelor's degree in psychology/science from Kent State. She has been a college professor for over 20 years. She is also a Christian counselor and life coach at Christian Counseling Alliance and Portage County Counseling Centers. She is married with 2 children.

**Vice Chair: Rep. Andrea White (R-Kettering)**  
**See Public Health Policy Committee**

**Ranking Minority Member: Rep. Latyna Humphrey (D-Columbus)**



Rep. Humphrey is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She was born and raised on the near east side of Columbus and worked her way through Columbus State and Franklin University. Community service has been an important part of her life. She helped provide aid during the Flint Water Crisis, volunteered for data entry for the American Red Cross, and served at local food kitchens. She has also been involved with the YMCA, YWCA, Central Ohio Young Black Democrats, NAACP-Columbus, and the Franklin County Democratic Party where she is secretary of the central committee. In 2019, she became the community outreach coordinator for Franklin County Auditor Mike Stinziano. She then joined the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas as bailiff for the Honorable Carl A. Aveni II.

**Members:**  
**Rep. Munira Yasin Abdullhi (D- Columbus)**  
**See Public Health Policy Committee**

**Rep. Rachel Baker (D-Anderson Township)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Darnell Brewer (D-Cleveland)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Sara Carruthers (R-Hamilton)**



Rep. Carruthers is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She attended Miami University and has a background in media, working for WKRC-TV, WKRC 55, WKRQ, TCI, and Tv Hamilton. She has done commercial work, voice overs, show hosting, and industrial film work. She was a White House Press assistant during the Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations. Carruthers is a community leader and philanthropist serving on many boards including the Hamilton Community Foundation, the Michael Feinstein Great American SongBook Foundation, and Ft. Hamilton Hospital. She is a member of PEO, the Hamilton Garden Club, Aronoff Center for the Arts, Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, Fitton Center, Christ Church, Glendale, Delta Zeta Sorority, and the Butler County (Ohio) Republican Party. She has two children.

**Rep. Sarah Fowler Arthur (R-Geneva-on-the-Lake)**



Rep. Fowler Arthur is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. Prior to being elected to the house, she served on the Ohio State Board of Education and is a supporter of parental direction of children’s education and of local control of Ohio’s schools. She is the first home-schooled graduate in the nation to be elected to a state board of education. She is a small business owner, having started her first business when she was 11 operating “Sarah’s Eggs”. She has been an independent consultant with Lilla Rose, Norwex, Plexus, and Young Living. Recently, she started her latest entrepreneurial endeavor, Badger Run Berries LLC a developing U-pick berry farm in Rock Creek. She has taught hands-on skills such as canning and sewing as well as beginning and intermediate piano. She and her husband co-produce YouTube channel Science and Futurism with Isaac Arthur. She enjoys reading, writing, gardening, camping, and hiking.

**Rep. Michele Grim (D-Toledo)**  
**See Public Health Policy Committee**

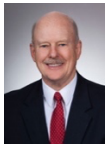
**Rep. Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Tracy Richardson (R-Marysville)**



Rep. Richardson is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She is a graduate of West Point and was deployed in Operation Desert Storm, earning a Bronze Star Medal. Currently, she is a U.S. Army reservist. Prior to her election to the house, she served nine years on the Marysville City Council and worked as a corporate human resource professional for a Fortune 500 company and as a Leadership Professor for ROTC at Capital University and Ohio Wesleyan University. She was appointed to the Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Initiative, the State Victims Advisory Council, the War Orphans Scholarship Board, and the Ohio Legislative Children’s Caucus among others. She volunteers on the Union County Drug Free Coalition and the Neighborhood Watch Safety Team. She is married with three children.

**Rep. Bill Roemer (R-Richfield)**

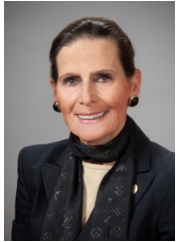


Rep. Roemer is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Case Western Reserve University, and a master of business administration from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve. He is a retired sales director with AT&T and a certified public accountant who previously worked in regulatory accounting. His family has owned a farm in Summit County for 80 years. Roemer is a long-time community leader serving as a member of the Summit County Council and vice president of the Summit Educational Services Center Board of Governors. He has been a substitute teacher teaching students in upper-level math for the past 16 years.

**Rep. Brian Stewart (R- Ashville)**  
**See Public Health Policy Committee**

## Families & Aging Committee

**Chair: Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland)**



Rep. Schmidt is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house although she is not a newcomer to the legislature having served previously in both the Ohio and U.S. House of Representatives from 2001-2013. She is a dedicated public servant and has served as the president of the Cincinnati Right to Life and on the board of the Clermont County Public Library. She recently taught government and the Constitution at Chatfield College and coaches running for St. Andrews-St Elizabeth Seton Junior High cross-country teams.

**Vice Chair: Rep. Melanie Miller (R-Ashland)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Ranking Minority Member: Rep. Sedrick Denson (D-Cincinnati)**



Rep. Denson is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. Originally, he attended the School for Creative and Performing Arts until a Cincinnati councilmember made him realize the impact a public servant could have. He went on to study organizational leadership at the University of Cincinnati and upon graduation began his career with the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency as an educator on consumer energy. He became chief-of-staff to councilmember Wendell Young and subsequently built a coalition of progressive and inclusive organizations that engaged community leaders to move key issues forward. Currently, he is the southwest Ohio director for the Ohio Environmental Council. He is also the political action chair for the Greater Cincinnati National Action Network and government affairs chair for the African American Chamber of Commerce.

**Members:**

**Rep. Tim Barhorst (R-Ft. Loraine)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Darnell Brewer (D-Cleveland)**  
See Health Provider Services Committee

**Rep. Sarah Fowler Arthur (R-Geneva-on-the-Lake)**  
See Behavioral Health Committee

**Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin)**  
See Public Health Policy Committee

**Rep. Beth Liston (D-Dublin)**  
See Health Provider Services Committee

**Rep. Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield)**  
See Health Provider Services Committee

**Rep. Adam Mathews (R-Lebanon)**



Rep. Mathews is serving his first term in the Ohio house. He worked as a civilian engineer for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program before returning to Notre Dame to become an intellectual property attorney. He continues his law practice representing inventors, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. He was formerly vice mayor of Lebanon. His community service includes serving as the chair of the Board of Directors for Elizabeth’s New Life Center, a network of prolife women’s centers throughout southwest Ohio. He is also on the board of directors for the Cincinnati Federalist Society, the Thomas More Society of Cincinnati, the Warren County Republican Party, and Kiwanis of Lebanon. He is vice president of the Notre Dame Club of Dayton and chair of the intellectual property section of the Ohio State Bar Association. He is married with four children.

**Rep. Lauren McNally (D-Youngstown)**



Rep. McNally is serving her first term in the Ohio house. She attended The Ohio State University and the University of Miami where she earned degrees in political science and journalism. She has worked as a journalist for various NPR stations and print media outlets. Prior to winning election to the General Assembly, she served as the Youngstown 5<sup>th</sup> ward councilwoman concentrating on economic development, neighborhood improvements, and infrastructure investment. She is active locally serving on community boards for the American

Red Cross and the Women's Junior League of Youngstown. Her husband is a staff representative for AFSCME Ohio Council 8. She has four children.

**Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel (R-Columbiana County)**



Rep. Robb Blasdel is serving her first term in the Ohio house. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron and began her career working for her family's small business. She then worked in marketing and sales before joining the Ohio lieutenant governor's team in 2010. She has experience in education and workforce, labor, regulatory reform, and broadband expansion projects. She is a member of the Farm Bureau and an associate member of the Columbiana County Township Association and a member of the Mahoning Valley Republican Women's Club and the central committee of the county republican party. She is married with two children.

**Rep. Tracy Richardson (R-Marysville)**

**See Behavioral Health Committee**

**Rep. Anita Somani (D-Dublin)**

**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Andrea White (R-Kettering)**

**See Public Health Policy Committee**

**Finance Subcommittee on Health & Human Services**

**Chair: Rep. Sara Carruthers (R-Hamilton)**

**See Behavioral Health Committee**

**Ranking Minority Member: Rep. Beth Liston (D-Dublin)**

**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Members:**

**Rep. James Hoops (R-Napoleon)**



Rep. Hoops is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business and computer programming from Northwest State University of Louisiana. He was employed by American Municipal Power Inc. where he was the associate vice president of finance. He volunteers for United Way of Henry County, serves on the Henry County Senior Center Board of Directors and is the treasurer of the Henry County Humane Society.

**Rep. Lauren Mc Nally D-Youngstown**

**See Families & Aging Committee**

**Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland)**

**See Families & Aging Committee**

**Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

**Chair: Rep. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville)**



Rep. Manning is serving her 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Ohio house after serving two terms in the Ohio senate where she was part of the leadership team. Prior to her election, she spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher and was a member of the North Ridgeville Planning Commission and North Ridgeville City Council where she was appointed finance chair and council president pro tempore. She received a bachelor's degree from Kent State university and a master's degree from the University of Akron. She spends her free time with her young grandchildren.

**Ranking Minority Member: Rep. Dontavius Jarrell (R-Columbus)**



Rep. Jarrells is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He holds a degree from Hiram College in northeast Ohio. Jarrells held roles at the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services. He also served as political director for a statewide office race and most recently as chief of



communications at the Franklin County Treasurer's Office. He is a longtime advocate for building better communities. He wants to invest in Ohio's future by expanding early childhood education, improving literacy, supporting STEM programs, and promoting opportunities in the skilled trades.

## **Members:**

### **Rep. Willis Blackshear (D-Dayton)**



Rep. Blackshear is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Wright State University and formerly was an outreach specialist at the Montgomery County Auditor's Office.

### **Rep. Jon Cross (R-Kenton)**



Rep. Cross is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He holds a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University. Before his election to the house, he was the CEO and economic development director for the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce and Business Alliance. He chaired the Finance Committee subcommittee on higher education during the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and knows higher education is an economic engine that supports job creation, research, and innovation. He has been a champion for Ohio's universities, community colleges, career tech centers, and developing collaborative efforts between higher education and business. He is married with two children.

### **Rep. Bob Young (R-Green)**



Rep. Young is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He has extensive public service experience through his years as a senior member of the Green City Council and as chairperson of the Community Economic Development Committee. He is a business owner and understands the importance of a healthy economy and how to grow and retain jobs. He has held a variety of jobs as an entrepreneur, realtor, and auctioneer. He is married with four children.

## Finance Committee

**Chair: Rep. Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville)**



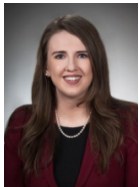
Rep. Edwards is serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Ohio House. He was born and raised in Nelsonville where he continues to reside. He attended Ohio University on a football scholarship and graduated with a degree in mathematics. While in college he began investing in local real estate. As that business grew, he obtained a real estate license and became a small business owner. Recently he began working in medical sales within the drug abuse treatment market.

**Vice Chair: Rep. Jeff LaRe (R- Violet Township)**



Rep. LaRe is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He is executive vice president of the Whitestone Group, which is a nationwide provider of asset protection and security service. Prior to his work at Whitestone, he was an Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certified peace officer and an OPOTA certified corrections officer at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. LaRe coaches his son's soccer team and enjoys doing mud obstacle runs with his oldest daughter and competing in cyclocross and triathlete competitions.

**Ranking Minority Member: Rep Bride Rose Sweeney (D-Cleveland)**



Rep. Sweeney is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from John Carroll University where she studied political science, business, and leadership. Following graduation, she was selected as a Legislative Service Commission Fellow. Prior to her election to the house, she worked in a variety of roles in the Ohio senate including as a senior advisor to the minority leader and legislative aide. She is the only woman currently appointed to serve on the State Controlling Board that oversees millions in state contracts. In 2002, she was recognized by the Ohio Elected Officials Association as a leading voice for democracy and fair elections.

## **Members:**

### **Rep. Cindy Abrams (R-Harrison)**



Rep. Abrams is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house having first been appointed in 2019. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Indiana University and is a graduate of the public leadership academy at The Ohio State University. Prior to her appointment to the house, she served as a police officer for the City of Cincinnati and a member of the Harrison City Council. Her community involvement includes service on local boards such as the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency, Hamilton County Municipal League, and SHELeads. She established the Harrison Junior City Council Program and is active in the county republican party. She is married with two children.

### **Rep. Willis Blackshear (D-Dayton)**

**See Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

### **Rep. Jamie Callender (R-Concord)**

**See Health Provider Services Committee**

### **Rep. Sara Carruthers (R-Hamilton)**

**See Behavioral Health Committee**

### **Rep. Jon Cross (R-Kenton)**

**See Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

### **Rep. Al Cutrona (R-Youngstown)**

**See Health Provider Services Committee**

### **Rep. Haraz Ghanbari (R-Perrysburg)**



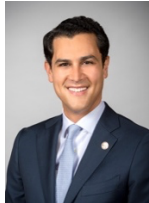
Rep. Ghanbari was first appointed to the Ohio house in 2019 and is now serving his serving 3<sup>rd</sup> term. He is a Naval veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Inherent Resolve and an Army veteran of Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia. Currently, he is in the United States Navy Reserve. Ghanbari, the son of an Iranian immigrant, earned a bachelor of science degree in visual journalism from Kent State University and graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College's Command & Staff Program. He also earned a master's degree from the University of Toledo where he serves as the director of veteran affairs. Prior to assuming his position at the university, he was a photojournalist for the

Associated Press based in Washington where he was a member of the White House and Pentagon press corps. He is married with two children.

**Rep. Michele Grim (D-Toledo)**  
**See Public Health Policy Committee**

**Rep. James Hoops (R-Napoleon)**  
**See Finance Subcommittee on Health & Human Services**

**Rep. Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati)**



Rep. Isaacsohn is serving his first term in the Ohio house. As the son of immigrants, he earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, a master's degree from Cambridge University, and a Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School. He is a former community and political organizer for multiple campaigns including the Obama and Clinton campaigns. He is a longtime mentor and "Big Brother" through the Cincinnati Youth Collaboration.

**Rep. Dontavius Jarrells (D-Columbus)**  
**See Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

**Rep. Don Jones (R-Freeport)**



Rep. Jones is serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Ohio house. He served as an agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor at Harrison Central High School for over 30 years and works at his family's farm equipment dealership. He is a certified volunteer fireman and emergency medical technician with the Deersville Community Volunteer Fire Department & Emergency Squad. He served nine years as chair of the Harrison Soil & Water Conservation District. Currently, he is the chair of the South-Central Power Foundation Board. He served on the board of the Harrison County Agriculture Society for 18 years, the last nine as president. Jones is a member of the Harrison County Farm Bureau and the NRA. He previously served on the Ohio FFA board and is married with two children.

**Rep. Beth Liston (D-Dublin)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Mike Loychik (R-Bazetta)**



Rep. Loychik is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. Prior to his election to the house, he spent eight years in the United States Air Force where he was a C-130 crew chief with a special operations group and with a combat search and rescue group. He retired as a staff sergeant. He earned an associate degree in aviation and maintenance technology from Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's of applied science degree in environmental management from Columbia Southern University (CSU). He is pursuing a master's degree in occupational health and safety also at CSU. Loychik is the owner and operator of a small business, Pressure Washing Solutions LLC, and was appointed to the Trumbull County Executive Committee. He is married with two children.

**Rep. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville)**  
**See Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

**Rep. Adam C Miller (D-Columbus)**



Rep. Miller is serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term in the Ohio house. He is a former K-12 public school teacher, coach, administrator, and public-school board member. He is also a practicing attorney and a colonel in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, U.S. Army Reserves having served multiple tours overseas. Miller is considered a leading expert in education policy and past chair of the Ohio State Bar Association Education Law Committee. He serves on the National Council of State Legislators Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force and is a past president of the Hilltop Kiwanis Club. He is also a distance runner, hiker, and ran track and cross country at The Ohio State University. He is married with two grown children.

**Rep. Joseph Miller III (D-Lorain)**



Rep. Miller is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He attended Lorain Community College for two years and then transferred to Bowling Green State University where he completed a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He went on to obtain two graduate degrees from Ashland University, a master of education degree and master of arts in American history and government. Before entering the General Assembly, he taught and coached in Texas and upon returning to Ohio joined a design build firm where he became an associate director of planning. The events of 9/11 inspired him to return to the classroom

where he taught at both the high school and college levels. He is an active USGTF professional golf instructor and an OHSA basketball official. He is married with two children.

**Rep. Kevin Miller (R-Newark)**



Rep. Miller is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He has a 20-year career in law enforcement during which time he's been a state trooper, labor relations management advocate, and patrol post commander. He also was the government affairs legislative liaison for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He received a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and completed an advanced leadership course for law enforcement executives at the FBI National Academy. He is married with two children.

**Rep. Thomas Patton (R-Strongsville)**



Rep. Patton has served in both the Ohio senate and house and is currently in his 4<sup>th</sup> term. He has held many leadership positions and has been a member of the Finance Committee in the past. His family has longstanding ties to law enforcement. His father was a Cleveland police officer, and his son was tragically killed in the line of duty while serving with the Cleveland Heights Police. During his years of service in the General Assembly, he has been a co-chair of the Ohio State Autism Caucus, a member of the Ohio Athletic Commission, Ohio Department of Transportation Futures Steering Committee, Ohio Turnpike Commission, and the Legislative Service Commission. He has been recognized for his public service by many entities and named a Watchdog of the Treasury multiple times,

**Rep. Gail Pavliga (R-Portage County)**

**See Behavioral Health Committee**

**Rep. Bob Peterson (R-Washington Court House)**



Rep. Peterson is serving his first term in the Ohio house after having previously served in the Ohio senate. He is a farmer, business owner, and former county official. He earned a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University. As an 8-generation farmer, he has been active in the Farm Bureau serving as its president for nearly five years. Peterson is married with two adult children.

**Rep. Tracy Richardson (R-Marysville)**

**See Behavioral Health Committee**

**Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel (R-Columbiana County)**

**See Family & Aging Committee**

**Rep. Phillip Robinson (D-Solon)**



Rep. Robinson is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He earned an undergraduate degree in finance from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. The events of 9/11 prompted him to forego a career in business upon graduation in order to serve as a Congressional aide to U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA). Subsequently, he worked as an account executive for a Fortune 500 marketing and public affairs company. Eventually, he returned to northeast Ohio where he worked for several small businesses and fortune 500 companies and received his executive master's degree of business administration from Case Western Reserve University. After a successful career in the private sector, he used his expertise to serve as senior vice president for regional site operations of CityYear Inc. After his election to the statehouse, he continued to work as a senior education nonprofit executive. Today he serves as the chief impact officer for Reading Partners. He is married with two children.

**Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland)**

**See Families & Aging Committee**

**Rep. Mike Skindell (D-Lakewood)**



Rep. Skindell is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house after having served previously in both the Ohio senate and house. He earned a bachelor's degree in business and political science from Walsh College and law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Following graduation, he served as an assistant attorney general under Anthony Celebrezze and provided legal representation to the Director and Department of Health. As a public servant, he was councilman-at-large for Lakewood city council and has been a consistent advocate during his years at the statehouse for greater consumer protections, affordable prescription drugs, universal health care, and development of Ohio's renewable energy resources. He is a member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Democrat Club, and Cuyahoga County Democrat Party. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Barton Senior Center and Westerly Senior Apartments and Lakewood Jaycees.

**Rep. D.J. Swearingen (R-Huron)**



Rep. Swearingen is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in general business from Bowling Green State University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Dayton School of Law. He currently practices law with the firm of Wickens, Herzer, and Panza with offices located in Sandusky and Avon. He is married with three children.

**Rep. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati)**



Rep. Thomas is serving his first term in the Ohio house after having served in the Ohio senate. After graduating from high school, he took a job as a public service worker. Because he wanted to attend college, he joined the Cincinnati Police Cadet Program that offered free college tuition. Upon graduation from the University of Cincinnati, he joined the Cincinnati Police Department where he worked for 27 years. Upon retiring, he became executive director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission. He is a lifetime member of the FOP and Sentinel Police Association, and a member of the Mason Gothic Lodge 121 and vice president of the greater Cincinnati chapter of the National Action Network. He is married with four adult children and four grandchildren.



**Rep. Daniel Troy (D-Willowick)**



Rep. Troy previously completed eight years as a member of the Ohio house and was re-elected (after a break) for a 9<sup>th</sup> year starting the clock on a new term-limits cycle. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a bachelor's degree in political science and a 47-year member of the building trades union. He is a U.S. Army veteran and teaches courses on state, local, and national governments as a part-time faculty member at Lakeland Community College. In addition to his time as a member of the state's General Assembly, Troy also served five terms as a Lake County Commissioner and was twice elected as president of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. He is known as a bipartisan legislator and considered an expert on issues related to budgeting and taxation. He has received numerous awards for his legislative work.

**Rep. Bob Young (R-Green)**

**See Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Rep. Brian Lampton (R-Beavercreek)**



Rep. Lampton is serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. He has the owner/operator of Lampton, Engle, & Associates Insurance for over 30 years. He is active in his community having served as vice president of the Beavercreek 9/11 Memorial Committee, president of both the Beavercreek and Fairborn Chambers of Commerce, President Beavercreek Rotary Club, member of the County Board of elections, Charter Review Committee and vice chair of the Greene County republican party. He enjoys announcing Beavercreek High School football and basketball games.

**Vice chair: Rep. Tim Barhorst (R-Ft. Loraine)**

**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Ranking Minority Member:     Rep. Jessica Miranda (D-Forest Park)**



Rep. Miranda is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. She is the owner of a small business providing insurance and tax services to middle and working-class families. She is an award-winning Licensed Property & Casualty Insurance Broker and holds numerous IRS certifications. She is a past president of the Winton Woods City School Board where she worked to improve standards for attendance, curriculum, and fiscal responsibility. She is married and has three children.

**Members:**

**Rep. Dave Dobos (R-Columbus)**



Rep. Dobos is serving his first term in the Ohio house. He owns a small business that provides SAT and ACT preparation for high school students. Prior to being elected to the General Assembly he was elected two times to the Columbus City School Board where he served as president. He was president of the Hilltop Business Association, Hilltop Historical Society and West High School Alumni. In his free time, he enjoys classical music and plays the violin. He is the parent of two adult children.

**Rep. Haraz Ghanbari (R- Perrysburg)**

**See Finance Committee**

**Rep. Dontavius Jarrells (D-Columbus)**

**See Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education**

**Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County)**



Rep. John is serving her 3<sup>rd</sup> term in the Ohio house. Prior to being elected to the General Assembly she served as Mayor of Shelby and then Richland County Commissioner. She earned an associate degree in business management and marketing from North Central State College, and a bachelor's degree in business and marketing and a Master of Business Administration from Ashland University. While working on her MBA, she worked as a Commercial Lines Underwriter at Shelby Insurance Company and later became the executive director of the Shelby Senior Center.

**Rep. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander)**  
**See Public Health Policy Committee**

**Rep. Thomas Patton (R-Strongsville)**  
**See Finance Committee**

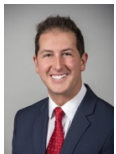
**Rep. Bob Peterson (R-Washington Court House)**  
**See Finance Committee**

**Rep. Sharon Ray (R-Wadsworth)**



Rep. Ray is serving her 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the Ohio house and is a member of the house leadership team. She brings a strong history of public service to her role as a member of the General Assembly. Prior to being elected to the house she served as Medina County Commissioner, was a member of the Wadsworth City Council and sat on the Medina County Board of Elections. She has been active with United Way of Medina County, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture. She began her work career at Roadway Express and then became a Certified Bailiff at Wadsworth Municipal Court and worked as the Community Service Director/Probation Officer for that same court.

**Rep. Nick Santucci (R-Howland Township)**



Rep. Santucci is serving his first term in the Ohio house. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from John Carroll University. His work experience includes serving as a senior consultant for workforce & community engagement with VAZA Consulting. Prior to joining VAZA, he was the director of government affairs and workforce development at the Educational Services Center of Eastern Ohio. Santucci served as a manager and later director of education and workforce development at the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber and was promoted to director of government affairs. He has dedicated his career to serving the Mahoning Valley which includes being president of the governing board for Valley STEM+ME2 Academy. He is a member of the development committee at BRITE Energy Innovators and of the business advisory council and the Educational Services Center of Eastern Ohio.

**Rep. Anita Somani (D-Dublin)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**

**Rep. Bride Rose Sweeney (D-Cleveland)**  
**See Finance Committee**

**Rep. Terrence Upchurch (D-Cleveland)**  
**See Health Provider Services Committee**