

OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION



HISTORY
OF
COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
REGIONAL DIRECTORS
1959-2017

A Historical Perspective of Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination

Ohio has one of the longest histories of civil rights enforcement in the country. The Ohio Public Accommodations Law of 1884 was enacted to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race in all public facilities. This law applied to movie theaters, stores and restaurants. More than 70 years later in 1959 Ohio became the 16th state to ratify legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin and ancestry. Ohio's Fair Employment Practices Law was championed under the leadership of Ohio Governor C.W. O'Neil and was signed into law on July 29, 1959 by Governor Michael V. DiSalle as the Ohio Civil Rights Act of 1959.

This new law established Ohio's Fair Employment Practices Commission - charged with enforcing Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination. In 1961, the Ohio General Assembly renamed the agency the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC). While primarily concerned with discrimination in employment, the Ohio legislature granted discretionary authority to study, advise and issue statements regarding all civil rights related matters of the state.

Powers and Duties of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission

The general powers and duties of the Commission are to receive, investigate, render formal determinations and conciliate charges of unlawful discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and disability in institutions of higher education. It is the Commission's responsibility to educate constituents and stakeholders about Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination. The Commission prepares a comprehensive educational program for the students of Ohio's public schools. These programs are designed to eliminate prejudice, its harmful effects and its incompatibility with American principles of equality and fair play. The Commission receives and investigates thousands of official charges of discrimination each year.

Chronology of Historical Highlights:

July 29, 1959: Ohio Fair Employment Practices Commission established

1961: Agency name changed to Ohio Civil Rights Commission

1961: Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination amended to include the prohibition of religious discrimination

1965: Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination amended to include protections against discrimination in housing

1976: Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination amended to include protections against discrimination in the issuance of credit

1978: The OCRC and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enter into a Work Sharing Agreement which provides dual filing for employment charges

1984: Ohio's Laws Against Discrimination amended to include the prohibition of discrimination against the disabled in institutions of higher education

1988: OCRC and U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) enter into a Work Sharing Agreement to eradicate housing discrimination

1992: Amended Substitute H.B. 321 brought Ohio's fair housing statute into conformity with federal fair housing legislation by adding "familial status" to the protected classes and a one year filing period for housing discrimination charges

1998: Introduction of an Alternative Dispute Resolution program. During the first year, 73% of all participating in the process were successfully mediated

1999: Alternative Dispute Resolution program recognized by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development with a national "Best Practices" award

2008: Military Status added to protected classes

2009: Ohio Civil Rights Commission celebrates its 50th Anniversary

2009: Annual Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame is established. The program acknowledges outstanding Ohioans who are pioneers in human and civil rights and who have advanced the goals of equality and inclusion

The Commission, initially established on July 29, 1959 by Governor Michael DiSalle with an initial appropriation of \$100,000.00 the first year, the administrative staff comprised of three staff members and two clerical employees. A request was made for a supplementary allocation of funds which was approved and beginning in July 1960 the Commission was able to carry out its administrative plan necessary for the discharge of its statutory function during the second year of operation.

Within this information, pursuant to Section 4112.03 of the Laws and Rules Against Discrimination are the Commissioners that have been appointed by the Governor since the Commission was established in 1959. The records show that forty-seven (47) Commissioners have been appointed.

The Executive Director is appointed and since 1959, eight (8) people have served the Commission as Executive Director.

The information that follows shows the Commissioners, Executive Directors and the Regional Directors that have worked/served the Commission on behalf of the citizens of Ohio in administering of the Ohio Laws of Discrimination from 1959 to November 16, 2017, the date of the completion of this composed report.

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COMMISSIONERS ALPHABETICALLY – Since 1959

Barreras, Lori
Bishop, Charles G.
Bolden, Lawrence
Brown, Thomas A.
Bry, Robert
Burlew, John H.
Caviness, Rev. E. Theophilus
Cespedes, Juan
Dickey, Roosevelt S.
Dillehay, Albert J.
Donaldson, Jeanine
Ellis, Catherine
Flowers, Daisy M.
Franklin, III, Wade H.
Friedman, James M.
Garrett, Thaddeus
Green, Jr., William
Guggeheim, Richard E.
Hale, Rev. Phale D.
Harrell, Jr., Eddie
Hubert, Leonard
Jackson, Clingan
Looman, Henrietta
Lucas, Alyce D.
Mercado, Stephanie
Morgan, Ronald C.
Patmon, III, William W.
Pena, Jose
Peterson, Arthur C.
Ramos, Grace
Roberts, Tom
Sabato, Hugo A.
Silverman, Burton
Singh, Madhu
Sinha, Nirmal K.
Slutz, Leonard D.
Sweeney, Marion R.
Sykes, Barbara
Sykes, William G.
Troy, J. Frank.
Villaneuva, Jose
Wheeler, Sr., Pastor Aaron
Whelan, Kathleen
White, David D.
Winburn, Charlie
Wright, Rev. Samuel R.
Yajnik, Rashmi

1959

Commissioners

Richard E. Guggenheim, Chairman
Charles G. Bishop
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Albert J. Dillehay
Henrietta Looman

Executive Director Frank Baldau

1960

Commissioners

Richard E. Guggenheim, Chairman
Charles G. Bishop
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Albert J. Dillehay
Henrietta Looman

Executive Director-Frank Baldau

1961

Commissioners

Richard E. Guggenheim, Chairman
Charles G. Bishop
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Albert J. Dillehay
Henrietta Looman

Executive Director-Frank Baldau

1961 Regional Directors:

Chester Gray-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Ellis Ross-Southeast Office-Columbus
Jerry Belenker-Northwest Office-Toledo
Robert Coates-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1962

Commissioners

Albert J. Dillehay, Chairman
Charles G. Bishop
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Henrietta Looman
Leonard D. Slutz

Executive Director-Frank Baldau

1962 Regional Directors:

Chester Gray- Northeast Office-Cleveland
Ellis Ross-Southeast Office-Columbus
Jerry Belenker-Northwest Office-Toledo
Robert J. Coates-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1963

Commissioners

Arthur L. Peterson, Chairman
Charles G. Bishop
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
William Green, Jr.

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1963 Regional Directors:

C. Joseph Clem- Northeast Office-Cleveland
Leonard Holland-Southeast Office-Columbus
Jerry Belenker-Northwest Office-Toledo
Robert Coates-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1964

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
William Green, Jr.
J. Frank Troy

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1964 Regional Directors:

George Beasley- Northeast Office-Cleveland
Leonard Holland -Southeast Office-Columbus
Jerry Belenker-Northwest Office-Toledo
Robert Coates-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1965

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
William Green, Jr.
J. Frank Troy

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1965 Regional Directors:

George Beasley/Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Leonard Holland-Southeast Office-Columbus
Jerry Belenker/Clarence Walker, Jr.-Northwest Office -Toledo
Robert Coates/Arthur Layman-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1966

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
William Green, Jr.
J. Frank Troy

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1966 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Leonard Holland-Southeast Office-Columbus
Clarence Walker, Jr.-Northwest Office-Toledo
Arthur Layman-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1967

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
William Green, Jr.
J. Frank Troy

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1967 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Leonard Holland-Southeast Office-Columbus
Clarence Walker, Jr.-Northwest Office-Toledo
Arthur Layman-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1968

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
William Green, Jr.
J. Frank Troy

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1968 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Leonard Holland -Southeast Office-Columbus
Clarence Walker, Jr.-Northwest Office Toledo
Arthur Layman-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

1969

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
J. Frank Troy
David D. White

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1969 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter- Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher- Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole- Northwest Office-Toledo
James Levinson-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron

1970

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
J. Frank Troy
David D. White

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1970 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter – Northeast Office- Cleveland
William C. Betcher – Southeast Office – Columbus
Emerson E. Cole – Northwest Office -Toledo
James Levinson - Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne – South Northeast Office – Akron

1971

Commissioners

Hugo A. Sabato, Chairman
Roosevelt S. Dickey
Clingan Jackson
J. Frank Troy
David D. White

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1971 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter- Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office – Columbus
Emerson Cole-Northwest Office -Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron

1972

Commissioners

James M. Friedman, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
J. Frank Troy
David D. White
Rev. Samuel R. Wright

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1972 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter- Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole-Northwest Office -Toledo
Ray Paul -Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron

1973

Commissioners

James M. Friedman, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
J. Frank Troy
David D. White
Rev. Samuel R. Wright

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1973 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole- Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office -Akron

1974

Commissioners

Burton Silverman, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
J. Frank Troy
Marion R. Sweeney
Rev. Samuel R. Wright

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1974 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office- Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
Ray O. Paul-North Southwest Office-Dayton (*new)
John Browne-South Northeast Office -Akron

1975

Commissioners

Burton Silverman, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Robert Bry
Marion R. Sweeney
Rev. Samuel R. Wright

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1975 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
Lucius Jones-North Southwest Office-Dayton
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron

1976

Commissioners

Burton Silverman, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Robert Bry
Marion R. Sweeney
Rev. Samuel R. Wright

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1976 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher -Southeast Office -Columbus
Emerson Cole- Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
Lucius Jones-North Southwest Office-Dayton
John Browne -South Northeast Office-Akron

1977

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Robert Bry
Marion R. Sweeney
Burton Silverman

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1977 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Lucius Jones-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1978

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Robert Bry
Marion R. Sweeney
Burton Silverman

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1978 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Emerson Cole- Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Lucius Jones-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1979

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Robert Bry
Thomas A. Brown
Wade H. Franklin III

Executive Director-Ellis Ross

1979 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1980

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Catherine Ellis
Daisy M. Flowers
Wade H. Franklin III

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1980 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
William Betcher-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1981

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Catherine Ellis
Daisy M. Flowers
Wade H. Franklin III

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1981 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels (Acting Director)-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1982

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Catherine Ellis
Daisy M. Flowers
Wade H. Franklin III

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1982 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels (Acting)-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul -Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1983

Commissioners

Ronald C. Morgan, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Catherine Ellis
Daisy M. Flowers
Wade H. Franklin III

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1983 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1984

Commissioners

Rev. Phale D. Hale, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Catherine Ellis
Daisy M. Flowers
Ronald C. Morgan

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1984 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1985

Commissioners

Rev. Phale D. Hale, Chairman
Clingan Jackson
Catherine Ellis
Alyce D. Lucas
Ronald C. Morgan

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1985 Regional Directors:

Joseph Hunter-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Paul-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
John Browne-South Northeast Office-Akron
Rebecca Haley Ross-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1986

Commissioners

Rev. Phale D. Hale, Chairman
Jose A. Villaneuva
Catherine Ellis
Alyce D. Lucas
Ronald C. Morgan

Executive Director-Robert D. Brown

1986 Regional Directors:

John Browne (Acting)-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Ray Pau-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
Harold Ware (Acting)-South Northeast Office-Akron
Marguerite Walker-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1987

Commissioners

Rev. Phale D. Hale, Chairman
Jose A. Villaneuva
Catherine Ellis
Alyce D. Lucas

Executive Director- Ray O. Paul, Acting

1987 Regional Directors:

John Browne-Northeast Office-Cleveland
Michael Samuels-Southeast Office-Columbus
Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo
Margaret Moran (Acting)-Southwest Office-Cincinnati
Harold Ware-South Northeast Office-Akron
Marguerite Walker-North Southwest Office-Dayton

1988

Commissioners

Rev. Phale D. Hale, Chairman

Jose A. Villaneuva

John H. Burlew

Alyce D. Lucas

Kathleen L. Whelan

Executive Director-Ray O. Paul, Acting

1988 Regional Directors:

John Browne-Northeast Office-Cleveland

Michael Samuels-Southeast Office-Columbus

Ronald Pettaway-Northwest Office-Toledo

Margaret Moran (Acting)-Southwest Office-Cincinnati

Harold Ware-South Northeast Office-Akron

Marguerite Walker- North Southwest Office-Dayton

1989

Commissioners

William G. Sykes, Chairman

Jose A. Pena

John Burlew, III

Alyce D. Lucas

Kathleen L. Whelan

Executive Director-Darlene McCoy

1989 Regional Directors:

John Browne-Cleveland Regional Office

Rebecca Haley Ross-Columbus Regional Office

Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office

Margaret Moran-Cincinnati Regional Office

Harold Ware-Akron Regional Office

Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1990

Commissioners

William G. Sykes, Chairman

Jose A. Pena

John H. Burlew, III

Alyce D. Lucas

Kathleen L. Whelan

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael

1990 Regional Directors:

John Browne-Cleveland Regional Office

Rebecca Haley Ross-Columbus Regional Office

Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office

Margaret Moran-Cincinnati Regional Office

Harold Ware-Akron Regional Office

Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1991

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness

Nirmal K. Sinha

John H. Burlew, III

Alyce D. Lucas

Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael

1991 Regional Directors:

John Browne-Cleveland Regional Office

Rebecca Haley Ross-Columbus Regional Office

Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office

Margaret Moran-Cincinnati Regional Office

Harold Ware-Akron Regional Office

Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1992

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Alyce D. Lucas
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael

1992 Regional Directors:

Gregory Vincent-Cleveland Regional Office
Rebecca Haley Ross-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Margaret Moran-Cincinnati Regional Office
Harold Ware-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1993

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael

1993 Regional Directors:

Gregory Vincent-Cleveland Regional Office
Rebecca Haley Ross-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Margaret Moran-Cincinnati Regional Office
Harold Ware-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1994

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael

1994 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Margaret Moran-Cincinnati Regional Office
Harold Ware-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1995

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael

1995 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Margaret Moran/ Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Harold Ware/Joyce Giffin-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1996

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Joseph T. Carmichael/Francis Smith

1996 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Keith McNeil-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1997

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Francis Smith/Melanie Mitchell

1997 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Keith McNeil-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1998

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness, Chairman
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Melanie Mitchell

1998 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Keith McNeil-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

1999

Commissioners

Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Melanie Mitchell

1999 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Keith McNeil-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2000

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr.
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-Melanie Mitchell

2000 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway-Toledo Regional Office
Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Keith McNeil-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2001

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr., Chairman
Nirmal K. Sinha
John H. Burlew, III
Lawrence Bolden
Charlie Winburn
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton (Acting)

2001 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Ronald Pettaway/Darlene Newbern (Acting)-Toledo Regional Office
Roger Larison-Cincinnati Regional Office
Keith McNeil-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2002

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr., Chairman

Nirmal K. Sinha

Lawrence Bolden

Charlie Winburn

Grace Ramos

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2002 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office

Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office

Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office

Roger Larison/Frank Masterson (Acting)-Cincinnati Regional Office

Keith McNeil/Diana Peske (Acting)-Akron Regional Office

Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2003

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr., Chairman

Nirmal K. Sinha

Jeanine P. Donaldson

Charlie Winburn

Grace Ramos

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2003 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office

Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office

Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office

H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office

Diane Citrino-Akron Regional Office

Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2004

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr., Chairman
Nirmal K. Sinha
Jeanine P. Donaldson
Charlie Winburn
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2004 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office
Diane Citrino-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2005

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr., Chairman
Nirmal K. Sinha
Jeanine P. Donaldson
Charlie Winburn
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2005 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office
Diane Citrino-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2006

Commissioners

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr., Chairman
Nirmal K. Sinha
Jeanine P. Donaldson
Charlie Winburn
Grace Ramos

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2006 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office
Diane Citrino-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2007

Commissioners

Jeanine Donaldson, Chairperson (March 2007-September 2007)
Barbara Sykes, Chairperson (October 2007-December 2007)
Leonard Hubert
Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr.
Rashmi Yajnik
Tom Roberts
Grace Ramos
Eddie Harrell, Jr.

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2007 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office
Diane Citrino-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2008

Commissioners

Leonard Hubert
Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr.
Rashmi Yajnik
Grace Ramos
Eddie Harrell, Jr.

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2008 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office
Courtney Calhoun-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2009

Commissioners

Eddie Harrell, Jr., Chairman
Leonard Hubert
Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr.
Rashmi Yajnik
Grace Ramos
Tom Roberts

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2009 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Cleveland Regional Office
Beleta Ebron-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
H. Jean Marshal-McEntire-Cincinnati Regional Office
Courtney Calhoun-Akron Regional Office
Marguerite Walker-Dayton Regional Office

2010

Commissioners

Eddie Harrell, Jr., Chairman
Leonard Hubert
Stephanie Mercado
Rashmi Yajnik
Grace Ramos
Tom Roberts

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2010 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Akron/Cleveland Regional Office
Marcy Valenzuela-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

2011

Commissioners

Eddie Harrell, Jr., Chairman
Leonard Hubert
Stephanie Mercado
Rashmi Yajnik
Grace Ramos
Tom Roberts

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2011 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Akron/Cleveland Regional Office
Marcy Valenzuela-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

2012

Commissioners

Eddie Harrell
Leonard Hubert
Stephanie Mercado
Rashmi Yajnik
Tom Roberts

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2012 Regional Directors:

Iris Choi-Akron/Cleveland Regional Office
Aman Mehra-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

2013

Commissioners

Leonard Hubert, Chairman
William W. Patmon, III
Stephanie Mercado
Rashmi Yajnik
Tom Roberts

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2013 Regional Directors:

Vera Boggs-Akron/Cleveland Regional Office
Aman Mehra-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

2014

Commissioners

Leonard Hubert, Chairman
William W. Patmon, III
Stephanie Mercado
Lori Barreras
Tom Roberts

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2014 Regional Directors:

Vera Boggs-Akron/Cleveland Regional Office
Aman Mehra-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

2015

Commissioners

Leonard Hubert, Chairman
William W. Patmon, III
Juan P. Cespedes
Lori Barreras
Tom Roberts/Madhu Singh

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2015 Regional Directors:

Vera Boggs-Akron/Cleveland Regional Office
Aman Mehra-Columbus Regional Office
Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office
Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

2016

Commissioners

Leonard Hubert, Chairman

William W. Patmon, III

Juan P. Cespedes

Lori Barreras

Madhu Singh

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2016 Regional Directors:

Vera Boggs-Cleveland Regional Office

Bradley Dunn-Akron Regional Office

Aman Mehra-Columbus Regional Office

Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office

Norman Gibson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

As of September 6, 2017

2017

Commissioners

Leonard Hubert, Chairman

William W. Patmon, III

Juan P. Cespedes

Lori Barreras

Madhu Singh

Executive Director-G. Michael Payton

2017 Regional Directors:

Vera Boggs-Cleveland Regional Office

Bradley Dunn-Akron Regional Office

Aman Mehra-Columbus Regional Office

Darlene Newbern-Toledo Regional Office

Duffy Jamieson-Cincinnati/Dayton Regional Office

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

Richard E. Guggeheim 1959-1961
Charles G. Bishop 1959-1963
Roosevelt S. Dickey 1959-1971
Albert J. Dillehay 1959-1961
Henrietta Looman 1959-1961
Leonard D. Slutz 1962-1962
Arthur L. Peterson 1963-1963
Clingan Jackson 1963-1985
William Green, Jr. 1963-1968
Hugo A. Sabato 1964-1971
J. Frank Troy 1964-1974
David D. White 1969-1972
James M. Friedman 1972-1973
Rev. Samuel R. Wright 1972-1976
Burton Silverman 1974-1977
Marion R. Sweeney 1974-1978
Robert Bry 1975-1979
Ronald C. Morgan 1977-1986
Thomas A. Brown 1979-1979
Thaddeus Garrett 1979-1981
Wade H. Franklin III 1979-1983
Catherine Ellis 1980-1987
Daisy M. Flowers 1980-1984
Rev. Phale D. Hale 1984-1988
Alyce D. Lucas 1985-1988
Jose Villaneuva 1986-1988
John Burlew 1988-2001
Kathleen Whelan 1988-1990
Jose Pena 1989-1990
William G. Sykes 1989-1990
Rev. E. Theophilus Caviness 1991-1999
Nirmal K. Sinha 1991-2006
Grace Ramos 1991-2006
Lawrence Bolden 1993-2002
Pastor Aaron Wheeler, Sr. 2000-2006
Charlie Winburn 2001-2006
Jeanine Donaldson 2003-2006
Leonard Hubert 2007-
Rashmi Yajnik 2007-2013
Tom Roberts 2007-2015
Eddie Harrell, Jr. 2007-2012
Barbara Sykes 2008-2008
Stephanie Mercado 2010-2014
William W. Patmon, III 2013-
Lori Barreras 2014-
Juan Cespedes 2015-
Madhu Singh 2015-