

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Randy Gardner from Wood County, Ohio, as Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education for a term beginning January 14, 2019 and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mike DeWine", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike DeWine
Governor

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

DATE: January 14, 2019

NAME OF DEPARTMENT: Department of Higher Education

NAME OF APPOINTEE: Randy Gardner

ADDRESS: 25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

TERM BEGINS: January 14, 2019

TERM EXPIRES:

Chancellor



Randy Gardner was appointed the 10th Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education in January 2019. As Chancellor, he oversees the state's public two-year and four-year institutions and Ohio Technical Centers; provides policy guidance to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly; and carries out state higher education policy.

Gardner comes to ODHE from the Ohio Senate, where he had served for a total of 13 years. He had recently been chosen as Senate Majority Leader for this latest term. Gardner also served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1985 to 2000, and again from 2008 through 2012.

Gardner has been recognized as the General Assembly's foremost policy leader in higher education. For the past eight years, he served as chairman of the Finance Higher Education Subcommittee, and held that post in both the House and the Senate.

A well-respected leader in state government, Gardner has also previously served as Senate President Pro Tempore, House Majority Leader, and House Speaker Pro Tempore. He has also been a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the panels dealing with Ohio's workforce development and budget management. Gardner's work ethic was exemplified by his 100% voting record over 33 years—more than 10,430 consecutive votes.

Gardner received a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in political science, both from Bowling Green State University. Prior to his career in public service, he worked both as a realtor and a high school history and government teacher.

Gardner and his wife, Sandy, reside in Bowling Green and are the parents of three children—Brooks, Christina, and Austin.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Randy Gardner, promise and swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education to which I have been appointed by Governor Mike DeWine for the term designated. This I shall do as I shall answer unto God.


Randy Gardner

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Personally sworn to before me, the Honorable Robert G. Montgomery, Judge, Franklin County Probate Court, and subscribed to on this 14th day of January, two thousand and nineteen.




Robert G. Montgomery
Judge, Franklin County Probate Court