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**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint David C. Rinebolt, J.D., from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Public Benefits Advisory Board for a term beginning January 14, 2020 and ending at the close of business June 30, 2022, replacing Christopher Joseph Allwein, whose term expired.



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 Twenty.

*Mike DeWine*

Mike DeWine  
Governor

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**Goal**

*To utilize my 34 years of experience in energy and regulatory policy, program design, and management to the benefit of consumers.*

**Professional Experience**

**Director of Special Projects and Counsel – Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy.**

Currently providing a broad array of services including acting as an expert witness in regulatory litigation; serving as one of the attorneys for the organization; and, serving as the Washington, D.C. representative of the organization. Primary purpose is to establish a social enterprise within OPAE to provide consulting services to states, utilities, and nonprofit agencies seeking to establish or improve low income weatherization programs. *June 2018 – present.*

**Program Manager, Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) – Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, U.S. Department of Energy.**

Managed the operation of the WAP, which provides grants to 56 state and territorial governments to provide weatherization and other energy efficiency services to low income households. A network of 740 subgrantees provides services in every county in the U.S. Responsible for the development of budgets; briefing senior management; overseeing the development of technical standards, training and certification programs; and ensuring that grants and subgrants were executed in a timely manner. Oversaw an initiative to improve services using the American Customer Service Index. The effort involved federal and state grantee staffs, and resulted in improved communications and better responsiveness throughout the program, contributing to a twenty percent increase in the number of families served during PY 17. *June 2016 – December 2017.*

**Executive Director and Counsel – Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy.** Built a statewide association providing litigation services, program management, and advocacy for 60 nonprofit anti-poverty and community development organizations providing essential energy services to low-income families. Grew an \$80,000 grant into an organization with an annual budget of \$17.5 million offering the following programs:

*Advocacy* – Represented the interests of the organization, its members and their clients before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Ohio General Assembly, and Congress, advocating for affordable and environmentally sustainable energy policies, with an emphasis on consumer protections, renewables, and low income programs. Participated in over 120 cases at the PUCO, including rate cases, Electric Security Plans, and demand side management portfolios. Drafted and filed comments on consumer protection regulations. Served on the Demand Side Management Collaboratives of Ohio's seven largest utilities, and electric utility smart grid collaboratives. Participated in the three major legislative debates which significantly revised the regulatory framework for gas and electric utilities, and participated in the development of implementing regulations and cases applying the new laws. Argued three cases before the Ohio Supreme Court. Pioneered governmental aggregation, which permits

local governments to create purchasing pools of ratepayers to secure low cost generation and natural gas.

*Weatherization* – Designed and provided hands-on management of energy efficiency programs funded by AEP-OH, The Dayton Power & Light Company, Duke Energy Ohio, and FirstEnergy Corporation, along with several small natural gas utilities. The programs served 15,000+ clients in 2014 as stand-alone units or in partnership with gas utility, federal, and state low income weatherization programs. Services are delivered by OP&E's 55-member weatherization providers throughout Ohio.

*Fuel Funds* – Created and oversaw the operation of three fuel funds capitalized by utility shareholders. The funds are obligated through a network of 52 community based organizations. The programs are delivered through a partnership with the Ohio Development Services Agency and the utilities providing funding.

*Special Projects* –

- Developed innovative partnerships between agency members; local, state and federal governments; utilities; energy marketers; and, other organizations in the energy industry to benefit low-income consumers.
- Founded a nonprofit cooperative that purchased natural gas and electricity for residential, commercial, and nonprofit consumers. The cooperative was the first vendor of Renewable Energy Certificates in Ohio.
- Managed annual training conferences for weatherization and bill payment assistance programs.
- Served as a featured speaker at numerous conferences and training events throughout the country.
- Supported the Peer Exchange, a national organization of consumer and low income advocates working in regulatory and legislative forums across the country.

*April 1996 – June 2016.*

**Director of Programs - National Association of State Energy Officials.** Developed and provided information on the activities of state energy offices to Congress, the press, and the executive branch. Provided assistance to states in the following areas: legislation and policy development; utility regulation; industrial, commercial and residential energy efficiency programs; renewable energy technologies; and, low-income programs. Temporarily posted to the Department of Energy to assist in the design of programs developed for President Clinton's *Climate Change Action Plan*. *January 1994 - December 1995. Consultant, January 1996 - June 1996.*

**Legislative Director/Counsel - Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7th).** Organized and managed legislative staff for freshman Congressman. Responsible for human services, environmental, energy, tax and appropriations issue. Also served as Associate Counsel to the Government Operations Subcommittee on Employment, Housing and Aviation. *January 1991 - December 1993.*

**Director of Research - National Wood Energy Association.** Developed and coordinated public and Congressional education efforts. Assisted in developing and securing support for federal and state legislative and regulatory initiatives. Represented members in state

legislative and regulatory forums. Also served as counsel to the Solar Energy Industries Association and other renewable energy groups. Editor of *BIOLOGUE Magazine*. September 1987 - December 1990. Served as consultant to successor organization, National BioEnergy Industries Association, January 1996 - September 1996.

**Senior Research Associate, Energy - Coalition of Northeastern Governors Policy Research Center.** Project Director for the Northeast Regional Biomass Program, an eleven-state, \$1.4 million annual program designed to promote the commercialization of biomass energy technologies. Also staffed the CONEG Energy Committee and coordinated policy positions of member states on energy issues, including LIHEAP, WAP and other state grant programs, and natural gas deregulation. Helped develop a coalition that secured federal legislation requiring expenditure of over \$9 billion in oil overcharge funds through state energy programs. July 1985 - September 1987.

**Associate Director - State of Minnesota Washington Office.** Implemented Governor's federal legislative agenda and represented the State before government departments and regulatory agencies. Served as Governor Perpich's representative to the National Governors' Association (NGA) Executive and Energy and Environment Committees. November 1983 - July 1985.

**Paralegal Specialist – U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Legislation and Regulatory Management.** Conducted legal research and helped develop regulations related to public land law, particularly the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976. January 1980 – July 1981.

## EDUCATION and OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Legal:** The Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Juris Doctor, May 1981.

**College:** Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Bachelor of Liberal Studies, May 1978. Concentrations in Communications, English, Political Science, and Russian Literature.

**Memberships:** District of Columbia Bar Association Reg. No. 367210; American Legion Post 3.

**Boards:** Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Board of Hancock County 1997-2005, past chair; Ohio Environmental Council Board of Directors – 1999-2005; Energy Cooperative of Ohio –2000-2016, past chair; Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) – 2009-2016; Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Partnership – 2009-2012; Weatherization Assistance Program – Program Advisory Committee – 1998 to 2016, past chair; State of Ohio Public Benefits Advisory Board – 2010 to 2016.

**Guest Lecturer/Speaker:** Case Western Reserve University; Pace University; Miami University; Affordable Comfort/Home Performance Conference; National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference; Mid-American and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners conferences; White House Conference on Climate Change; DOE Better Buildings Conference; and, other national and regional meetings.

**Publications:** Author, *The Biofuels Industry Data Base*, Solar Energy Research Institute, Golden, Colorado (1990); Editor, *BIOLOGUE Magazine*, National Wood Energy Association, Arlington, Virginia (1987-1990); Reviewer, *Changing by Degrees; Steps to Reduce Greenhouse Gases*, Office of Technology Assessment, OTA-0-482 (1991). Reviewer, *Building Better Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-Income Households*, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Rpt. No. 1601, March 2016; Reviewer, *The 2017 State Energy Scorecard*, ACEEE, Rpt. No. U1710, September 2017. Reviewer, *Making a Difference: Strategies for Successful Low-Income Energy Programs*, ACEEE, Rpt. No. 1713, October 2017.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Date:** 1/14/2020

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**Name of Appointee:** Mr. David C. Rinebolt, J.D.

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**Name of Commission:** Public Benefits Advisory Board

**Contact:** Steve Morris / Pamela Pate  
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**Term Begins:** 7/1/2019

**Term Ends:** 6/30/2022

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

**Financial Disclosure:** No disclosure required

**Vice:** Christopher Joseph Allwein