

STATE OF OHIO  
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Vanessa L. Whiting, from Cleveland Hts., Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 30, 2020 and ending at the close of business May 1, 2029, replacing Dan T. Moore, 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 30th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



*Mike DeWine*

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Governor

**Vanessa L. Whiting, Esq.**  
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Vanessa L. Whiting is President of A.E.S Management Corp., a Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen franchisee in Northeast Ohio. A.E.S. Management Corp. employs over 350 Cuyahoga County and Summit County residents at its sixteen Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen locations which continues to give second chances to those in our community. Ms. Whiting is also an attorney and has extensive experience in economic and community development law, real estate law, including acquisition, development, and leasing and financing, tax credit law, public finance and small business enterprise law. Ms. Whiting frequently served as business consultant to her real estate, corporate, public finance and tax credit clients. She has served as lender's counsel, developer's counsel, owner's and buyer's counsel, bond counsel, underwriter's counsel and consultant on low income housing tax credit projects, corporate acquisitions, bond financed projects, mixed financing projects, residential and commercial historic preservation tax credit projects, market rate scattered site residential projects and conventional market rate commercial retail developments. She has been recognized in *Northeast Ohio Live* as one of the top 100 attorneys. Ms. Whiting is also a real estate developer and is currently working on several development projects

Ms. Whiting practiced law as an associate at the law firms of Bryan, Cave in St. Louis and Calfee, Halter in Cleveland, Ohio. An entrepreneur at heart, she founded her own law firm in 1995 where she practiced until 2007. In 2007 she was recruited to the law firm of Roetzel and Andress as a partner where she practiced real estate development law, tax credit law, community development and economic development law and finance. She re-established her law firm in 2011.

Ms. Whiting possess a B.S. in public policy from Duke University where she graduated with honors, a M.S. in urban affairs and public policy from Southern Illinois University and a J. D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Her interests include social justice, minority business development, community development, arts, politics, education and health care. Ms. Whiting currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Metro Health System, Chair of its Legal and Government Committee and Chair of the Governance Committee. She established and continues to serve on the Metro Health System Board of Trustees Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is also a member of the Tri-C Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Cleveland United Way Board of Directors. Ms. Whiting is on the Board of Directors of Olympic Steele, where she serves on the Audit Committee and Governance Committee. Ms. Whiting serves on Gov. Dewine's Business Advisory Committee for Covid 19 and is member of the Restaurant Advisory Committee for Covid 19.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 9/30/2020

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**Term Begins:** 5/2/2020  
**Term Ends:** 5/1/2029  
**Party Affiliation:** Democrat  
**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate  
**Financial Disclosure:** Confidential disclosure required  
**Vice:** Dan T. Moore