

## STATE OF OHIO

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## Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Eileen Frances Austria, Republican, from Dayton, Greene County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for a term beginning April 6, 2022 and ending at the close of business January 31, 2028, replacing Robert A. Alexander, 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 6th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.

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Mike DeWine Governor Eileen Crotty Austria grew up in the Dayton area where she graduated from Alter High School and the University of Dayton. She combined her talents and competitiveness in high school and college athletics with her passion for public service and politics and has spent most of her professional career advancing both.

While attending UD, where she studied Political Science and Business Management, she invested her time founding the UD College Republican Club, where students were recruited to help area candidates run every facet of grassroots campaigns. Upon graduating from UD in 1981, she was selected for the highly regarded and competitive Ohio Legislative Fellowship Program (LSC) in Columbus. Upon the completion of the Fellowship, she advanced her career as the Legislative Aide for then Senator Dave Hobson of Springfield.

After several years of state service, Eileen returned to Dayton and gained some experience in the private sector where she worked in both event management and marketing for the motivational company known as The Carlson Marketing Group, continuing to build her professional network. In 1991, Eileen was asked to return to the public sector but this time as the District Director for now Congressman Dave Hobson where she lead the offices and represented the Congressman for 17 years and served as one of the longest serving District Directors for a Congressional office in the nation.

Upon Congressman Hobson's retirement and the election of Eileen's husband, Steve Austria, to Congress in 2008, Eileen continued to follow her passion of making things happen by connecting the dots and most importantly, people. She founded EFA Solutions, LLC in 2008 where she has helped various clients with their marketing, business strategies, educational and workforce development needs while keeping focused on delivering results with honesty and integrity and hard work.

Her passion for encouraging the next generation of outstanding public servants and her admiration for her alma mater, University of Dayton, were combined several years ago when she began the University of Dayton Statehouse Civic Scholars Program in Columbus each summer. Modeled after the highly regarded bi-partisan LSC Fellowship, the goal of the program is to build awareness about professional opportunities in state government among the best and brightest UD students through a live/work/community 8-week fellowship in highly sought after offices in and around the statehouse. UD alumni and friends of the University complete the experience for the students through their mentoring and networking sessions.

Eileen's unique life experiences in both the private sector, federal, state and local public sectors, and as a spouse of a former Congressman, mother of three sons, ages 21-27 and a daughter-in-law in 2016, provides her clients with valuable connections and lessons learned. Additionally, Eileen and her husband, Steve, have been active supporters of their schools, athletics and community in many different ways. They were honored to receive the highly regarded E.G. Shaw Community Leader Award in 2012 presented by the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce. They also served as the honorary co-chairs of the Greene County MRDD levy renewal campaign in 2013. Eileen serves on the advisory board for Michael's House in Greene County – a children's advocacy center and currently serves as the President of the Greene County Family Violence Prevention Center.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 

4/6/2022

Name of Appointee:

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Name of Commission:

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Term Begins: Term Ends: 2/1/2022 1/31/2028

Party Affiliation:

Republican

**Senate Confirmation:** 

Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure:

Public disclosure required

Vice:

Robert A. Alexander