

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment Date: 10/30/2021

Name of Appointee: Brandon Kern

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Name of Commission: State Board of Education
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Term Begins: 1/1/2021
Term Ends: 12/31/2024
Party Affiliation: Republican
Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate
Financial Disclosure: Public disclosure required
Vice: Laura Kohler

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OHIO SENATE

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 Brandon Kern, from Amanda, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Education for a term beginning October 30, 2021 and ending at the close of business December 31, 2024, replacing Laura Kohler, who resigned.



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 29th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

Mike DeWine

Mike DeWine
Governor

MEMO TO: Senator Brenner, Chairman
Primary and Secondary Education

FROM: Senate Rules and Reference Committee


DATE: December 15, 2021

The Senate Committee on Rules and Reference has assigned the following appointment by the Governor to your Committee for review:

Brandon Kern, from Amanda, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Education for a term beginning October 30, 2021 and ending at the close of business December 31, 2024, replacing Laura Kohler, who resigned.


Matt Huffman, Chairman


Kenny Yuko


Andrew O. Brenner


Matt Dolan



Bob D. Hackett


Tina Maharath


Bob Peterson


Jay Hottinger, Vice Chairman


Nickie J. Antonio


Hearce F. Craig


Theresa Gavarone


Stephanie Kunze


Rob McColley


Kirk Schuring

Brandon E. Kern

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Education

Wright State University - Dayton, OH
B.A. Social Science Education
Political Science Minor
Magna Cum Laude

Ohio Dominican University - Columbus, OH
Masters of Business Administration
Enrolled - Anticipated graduation Summer 2022

Professional Experience

Senior Director, State and National Policy, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
(December 2020 to present)

- Manage Farm Bureau's government affairs operations and staff and serve as primary national affairs coordinator and liaison to American Farm Bureau
- Advise Farm Bureau members on state government affairs and regulatory matters in an effort to ensure they formulate informed and accurate policy positions.

Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague
(January 2019 to December 2020)

- Led efforts to develop public policy initiatives of the office and manage the office's staff of legislative liaisons.
- Developed strategies to ensure the office effectively coordinates matters of public policy and legislation with members of the Ohio General Assembly, the U.S. Congress and a wide array of private sector stakeholders.

Senior Director for Strategic Partnerships & Policy Outreach, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
(June 2016 to January 2019)

- Led company efforts to formulate strategic partnerships with a wide array of stakeholders with shared interest in promoting the production agriculture, agribusiness and the food production sectors.
- Built coalitions and formulate outreach strategies and messaging to promote the policy work of Ohio Farm Bureau among consumers and the general public.

Director of State Policy, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
(February 2013-June 2016)

- Advocate for Farm Bureau's members before the Ohio General Assembly through various outreach and lobbying techniques.
- Advise Farm Bureau members on state government affairs and regulatory matters in an effort to ensure they formulate informed and accurate policy positions.

Military Intelligence Officer, U.S. Army Reserve
(September 2011-January 2021)

- Command subordinate Military Intelligence Soldiers and combined armed forces during combat and intelligence gathering operations.
- Provide all-source intelligence analysis and reports including country studies, analysis of geopolitical dynamics and adversary capabilities for use in strategic level combat operations planning.

Policy Assistant, Ohio Senate Majority Caucus

(January 2011-February 2013)

- Served as adviser to all members of the caucus on policy initiatives involving education, insurance, commerce and labor, as well as state and local government operations.
- Staffed committees of jurisdiction in the above policy areas and served as a liaison between the senate president and committee chairs to plan and execute the majority caucus' policy agenda.

Legislative Assistant, Ohio Senate, Office of Senator Jon Husted

(September 2009-January 2011)

- Provided support in executing the senator's legislative agenda by providing research and analysis, organizing interested parties, building political consensus among other legislators, speech writing and press correspondence.
- Provided support for the operations of the Senate Government Oversight Committee which had jurisdiction over casino regulations, certain areas of election law and other measures that promote accountability in the operations of state government.
- Worked with members of the business community in the senator's district on issues involving the state regulatory system and government agencies.

District Representative, Office of United States Senator George V. Voinovich

(September 2007-September 2009)

- Acted as the senator's liaison and grassroots representative to all local government officials, business leaders, community groups and constituents in an 18 county region, and advised the senator on local initiatives and developments.
- Managed staff in the senator's southeast Ohio regional office.

Administrative Aide, Ohio Senate, Office of Senator John A. Carey, Jr.

(December 2006-September 2007)

- Managed casework for the senator's constituents by interacting with state government departments and agencies.
- Assisted with research and analysis to help carry out the senator's legislative agenda and his role as Senate Finance Committee Chairman.

Legislative Service Commission Fellow, Ohio Senate

(December 2005- December 2006)

- Responsible for covering the proceedings of various legislative committees and providing overview materials for caucus members and staff.
- Performed basic clerical tasks for four legislative offices including constituent casework, research and correspondence.

Related Experiences/Associations

- Amanda-Clearcreek Board of Education, President
- Amanda-Clearcreek Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Foundation for Appalachian Ohio Scholarship Committee
- City of Canal Winchester Charter Review Commission