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# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Comfort Cole-Kenneh, from Gahanna, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the New African Immigrants Commission for a new term beginning December 22, 2023 and ending at the close of business October 7, 2026, replacing Comfort Cole-Kenneh, 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 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mike DeWine  
Governor

Mrs. Comfort Cole-Kenneh is a woman who believes in education and community engagement. She is a current Board member of Liberians in Columbus Incorporated (LICI), past President of LICI and served two terms, Vice President of her class Non-Profit organization of which they have given two scholarships to students to attend the B. W. Harris Episcopal School located in Monrovia, Liberia. She is a past Co- Chair of the New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) in Ohio, current member Scholarship Chairman of Federation of Liberian Organizations In Ohio (FOLAO), and past Treasurer of this organization. A graduate of the New American Leadership Academy, an initiative by the city of Columbus teaching Community Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Mrs. Kenneh is presently employed with a social service organization where she serves on the management team.

Under her leadership of LICI she helped raise money, draft policies, implement new programs and bring resources to the organization. She is a lady of first. She and her team of officers held the first LICI beauty pageant, which brought together young collegiate students, emphasizing possible and various roles they could assume in their communities and the world. 1<sup>st</sup> Health Fair, the organization of the Phenomenal Woman group, the 1<sup>st</sup> Valentine's Day dinner honoring our elders in our community, 1<sup>st</sup> collaboration with CDC Head Start to bring paid training to members of our community and training on leadership for the young ladies in our community provided by Black Girls Rising Inc. The first to leave the organization with at least \$50,000 in the bank.

For the past 17-18 years, she has been personally and professionally committed to making a difference in the lives of some of the children in Liberia as she worked with her high school's alumina association in several leadership roles to ensure that the children receive a sound education.

She has also worked tirelessly to obtain scholarships for needy children in Liberia from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in New York City, The Eastern Star in Rhode Island, Christopher Foundation in Columbus Ohio, and various Liberian businesses. She has also volunteered with her church to raise money for educational purposes.

She has been recognized by several organizations for her contribution to her community and these organizations.

She is married and has three children.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 12/22/2023

**Name of Appointee:** Comfort Cole-Kenneh

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**Term Begins:** 10/8/2023  
**Term Ends:** 10/7/2026  
**Party Affiliation:** Democrat  
**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate  
**Financial Disclosure:** Confidential disclosure required  
**Vice:** Comfort Cole-Kenneh