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STATE OF OHIO

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Thomas F. Needles, Republican, from Whitehall, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Board for a new term beginning December 22, 2023 and ending at the close of business October 4, 2026, replacing Thomas F. Needles, 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 black ink that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mike DeWine  
Governor

### Thomas F. Needles

Tom Needles has been a state, federal and national lobbyist for the past 18 years. Prior to founding his firm in 1998, he served in the state and federal governments for 15 years, including eight years as Senior Advisor to Ohio Governor George Voinovich (1991-98), as a Special Assistant to George Bush (41) in the White House (1989-91), and as a congressional press secretary and legislative assistant on Capitol Hill (1985-88).

Tom has served under four Ohio Governors as Chairman of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission. His other community service and philanthropic activities have included founding a nonprofit that awarded more than 400 educational scholarships to low-income Columbus families; serving for many years as the pro bono president of a statewide program that helps at-risk and disadvantaged students in Ohio; and being intimately involved in several ministries through his church and other non-profit service agencies. He also serves on corporate, non-profit and family boards.

An Ohio native, Tom received his B.A. in 1981 from Walsh College in Canton, Ohio, where he was recognized as one of its Outstanding Alumnus and received its Community Service Award. He also earned an M.A. degree (1984) from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and an M.A. (1991) from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he was a guest lecturer.

Tom has four wonderful children: Scott (22), Jack (20), Kate (13) and Grace (12).

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## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

**Name of Appointee:** Thomas F. Needles

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**Term Begins:** 10/5/2023

**Term Ends:** 10/4/2026

**Party Affiliation** Republican

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

**Financial Disclosure:** Public disclosure required

**Vice:** Thomas F. Needles