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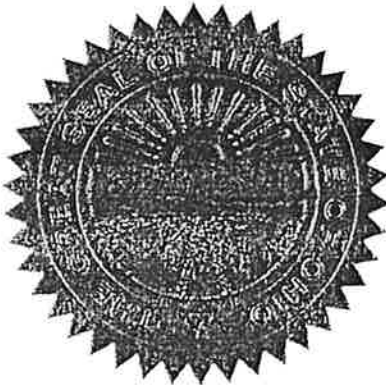
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Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Robert C. Smith, from Westlake, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 5, 2023 and ending at the close of business October 12, 2027, replacing Andrew E. Randall, 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 5th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

A handwritten signature of Mike DeWine in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Mike DeWine
Governor



BIOGRAPHY

Bob is a Partner and Market Leader in the Cleveland office and the firm's Ohio Market Leader. He serves on the firm's National Partner Development Committee and Leadership Team. Bob has more than forty years of experience in investing, finance, accounting, and business management.

Bob joined Cerity Partners in October 2016 when Cerity Partners merged with Spero-Smith Investment Advisers. Previously, Bob was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Spero-

I grew up in Cadiz, a small town in Ohio where I had limited exposure to different career paths. I thought I wanted to be a lawyer. I just imagined I'd go to business school then law school and get married. But in 1986, when I was 11 years out of college, I started working for Karen Spero, a financial planner who did a local television show in Cleveland where she explained finance to viewers. I had heard her give a speech to small business owners and was taken by her ability to explain complicated investment matters in easy terms and with a friendly disposition. At that time, I was an investment advisor and portfolio manager. One day she pulled me aside and told me that her business was growing beyond her capabilities and that she needed someone to run both the investment side and the financial planning side. We now call that model wealth management.

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Appointment Date: 5/5/2023

Name of Appointee: Robert C. Smith

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Name of Commission: Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees

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Term Begins: 10/13/2022

Term Ends: 10/12/2027

Party Affiliation: Republican

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

Financial Disclosure: Confidential disclosure required

Vice: Andrew E. Randall

Ohio Senate Advice and Consent

Trustee Appointment Questionnaire

Name: _Robert C. Smith

Institution Being Appointed to:

_Cuyahoga Community College

1. Are you a graduate of or do any of your dependents attend the institution to which you are being appointed as trustee?

No

2. What is your position on the First Amendment rights of faculty, staff, and students, and how will you balance this with promoting diversity of thought on campus?

I support the First Amendment rights of faculty, staff, and students. I will be mindful that the college demonstrates the protection of those rights (including diversity of thought) by their policies, procedures, and actions.

3. In your opinion, what are three current significant issues affecting higher education?

-Connecting our students, colleges/universities, and employers

-Keeping a focus on student success

-Ensuring our curriculum meets the needs of the current as well as future workforce

4. Do you feel comfortable presenting new or alternative solutions to issues presented to the Board of Trustees ("Board") by the president or other trustees of the institution to which you are being appointed?

Yes, I am very comfortable presenting new or alternative solutions to the Board of Trustees by the president or other trustees of Tri-C. I have served on numerous boards over the course of my career and chaired several. Speaking up has been a consistent attribute that I have demonstrated in my board service.

5. What are some ideas you plan to propose to reduce the overall cost of higher education?

Review the administrative spend and reduce it where needed to ensure the maximum amount of Tri-C's budget goes toward enhancing student success. I will also continue