

# Governing Board Members



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## About the Governing Board

**By statute, the Ohio Attorney General appoints the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) bipartisan, nine-member Governing Board. The Board consists of three members representing organized labor, residential customers and family farmers, respectively. No more than five members of the Board may be from the same political party. Board members are confirmed by the Ohio Senate and serve three-year terms. The OCC Board is responsible for appointing the Consumers' Counsel and Deputy Consumers' Counsel. The OCC Governing Board conducts regular public meetings every other month in Columbus.**

### Jerome G. Solove, chairman

**Chairman, 1999 – present**

**Board member, 1998 – present**

**Representing residential customers**

**Hometown: Powell**

Jerome G. Solove is the president and owner of the commercial real estate firm, Jerome Solove Development, Inc., headquartered in Columbus. Mr. Solove is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, as well as a former board member of the Columbus Area Apartment Association and the Rickenbacker Port Authority in Franklin County. Mr. Solove earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with dual majors in real estate and finance from The Ohio State University. Mr. Solove also completed a year of study at the London School of Economics.

### John Moliterno, vice chairman

**Vice chairman, 2006 – present**

**Board member, 2003 – present**

**Representing residential customers**

**Hometown: Girard**

John Moliterno is president and chief executive officer of Pegasus Printing Group, which includes printing-related companies in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In addition, he is the treasurer of the City of Girard. Previously, Mr. Moliterno served as president and chief executive officer of the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is a board member of the Youngstown State University Penguin Club and Better Business Bureau of Mahoning Valley, and chairman of the Trumbull County Workforce Development Board. Mr. Moliterno is a graduate of The Ohio State University with post-graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame.

### Gene Krebs

**Board member, 2005 – present**

**Representing residential customers**

**Hometown: Camden**

Gene Krebs is co-director of Greater Ohio, an organization working to revitalize Ohio communities through land use reforms. He served as a state representative for House District 60 from 1993 – 2000. Mr. Krebs serves as a board member of the Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition. Additionally, he is a member of the Camden Chamber of Commerce and the Preble County Farm Bureau. Mr. Krebs graduated from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in biology, and has published articles in both scientific publications and the general press, such as *The Wall Street Journal*.

### Dorothy L. Leslie

**Board member, 2001 – present**

**Representing family farmers**

**Hometown: Upper Sandusky**

Dorothy L. Leslie and her husband have operated a family farm since 1951. Mrs. Leslie served as state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service from 1989 – 1993. She served as chairperson of the state committee of that agency from 2001 – 2009 and has received multiple awards from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for her service to the farmers of Ohio. As a registered nurse, she served as a medical research associate working with farmers for The Ohio State University. She is an active member of a number of farm organizations, community projects and her church.

### Joe Logan

**Board member, 2007 – present**

**Representing family farmers**

**Hometown: Kinsman**

In addition to being an active farmer, Joe Logan serves as director of agricultural programs for the Ohio Environmental Council. He is the past president of the Ohio Farmers Union and served on the board of directors of the National Farmers Union, where he was chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee and vice chairman of the Legislative Committee. He previously served as president of the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees, representing the interests of locally elected committees in 2,500 Farm Service Agency offices nationwide.

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David McCall



Karen "Dee" Osterfeld



Anthony Peto



Roger Wise



Harold Cassel



Michael Watkins

## David McCall

**Board member, 2007 – 2010**  
**Representing organized labor**  
**Hometown: Reynoldsburg**

David McCall is director of District 1 (Ohio) for the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (United Steelworkers). He also serves as secretary of the union's Constitution Committee and chairs the union's negotiating committees for several of the member companies. Mr. McCall attended the labor studies program at Indiana University – Northwest and graduated from the Harvard Trade Union Program.

## Karen "Dee" Osterfeld

**Board member, 2009 – 2010**  
**Representing organized labor**  
**Hometown: Centerville**

Karen "Dee" Osterfeld joined the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in 1986, where she has served as a patrol deputy, evidence technician and detective. She has supervised the jail division, road patrol, traffic services, forensic services, the School Resource Officer and DARE programs. In 2004, she was promoted to captain and assigned to the Operations Division as the commander of the Washington Township Substation. She is a trained hostage negotiator and is commander of the regional hostage negotiation team. She holds an associate degree in law enforcement from Sinclair Community College and a bachelor's degree in public safety management from Franklin University. An active member of the Fraternal Order of Police, she was treasurer of Lodge 104 from 1996 – 2000.

## Anthony Peto

**Board member, 2009 – present**  
**Representing organized labor**  
**Hometown: Chesterland**

Anthony Peto serves as state political director for the Ohio Vicinity Regional Council of Carpenters (OVRCC). Previously, Mr. Peto served as an organizer for the OVRCC and as a journeyman carpenter with experience working on commercial projects, including single family homes and condominiums. He graduated from the Harvard Trade Union Program and graduated from a four-year carpentry trade program at the Joint Apprenticeship Training Center in Richfield.

## Roger Wise

**Board member, 2006 – present**  
**Representing family farmers**  
**Hometown: Fremont**

Roger Wise is supervisor for the Sandusky Soil and Water District and president of the Ohio Farmers Union, the progressive family farm organization advocating for social and economic well being for all Ohio families. He is a trustee for Jackson Township in Sandusky County and previously served on the county's boards of education and health. He is vice president of the Farmers Union in Sandusky County.

## Harold Cassel

**Board member, 2010 – present**  
**Representing organized labor**  
**Hometown: Castalia**

Harold Cassel was appointed to the Governing Board in 2010. Mr. Cassel is retired from the Chrysler Corp. and was an international representative of the United Auto Workers (UAW). He became a member of the UAW in 1974 at the Chrysler Plastics facility in Sandusky. He served in several positions, including president and chairperson of Local 1879 and on various regional advisory councils. He worked on organizing campaigns in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Mr. Cassel was appointed to the International UAW staff in October 1995.

## Michael A. Watkins

**Board member, 2010 – present**  
**Representing organized labor**  
**Hometown: Elida**

Michael A. Watkins has served as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lima Lodge No. 21 since 1976, when he began his career as a police officer in the city of Lima. He currently is serving his third term as president of FOP Lodge No. 21 after working for 12 years as its secretary. Mr. Watkins was trustee of the FOP's 6th district from 1993 – 1995 and re-elected to the position, which he has held since 2007. As a civilian employee with the Lima Police Department, Mr. Watkins developed a series of video and audio public service announcements and a television program demonstrating activities and the work of various special department units. He attended The Ohio State University-Lima campus where he studied psychology.