



## Ohio Consumers' Counsel Governing Board

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August 18, 2021

*Via Email*

Mr. Michael Koren, Chair  
(Representative of Utilities per O.R.C. 4901.021(A)(9))  
Public Utilities Commission Nominating Council  
c/o PUCO  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Meeting Request for the Public Utilities Commission Nominating Council

Dear Chair Koren:

I am writing in light of the ongoing scandal involving a former PUCO appointee (PUCO Chair) and FirstEnergy (that has been charged with a federal crime). I respectfully ask that you exercise your discretion as Nominating Council Chair to promptly call a special public meeting of the Council by issuing a public notice per O.R.C. 4901.021(C). The public notice should please be sufficient for the Nominating Council to meet to consider reforms of the Council's processes for evaluating applicants for appointment as PUCO commissioners and to consider other general business.

I have respectfully submitted this meeting request in writing, in the public domain, for the purposes of transparency and openness in the Nominating Council's processes. I invite other members of the Nominating Council to support this request, noting that O.R.C. 4901.021(C) requires the Chair to call the meeting if requested by at least two Council members.

Sincerely,

Michael Watkins  
Chair, Ohio Consumers' Counsel Governing Board

cc: Nominating Council Members (per attached PUCO website list)  
Angela Hawkins (PUCO), Nominating Council Coordinator

Attachment

**Membership List  
PUC Nominating Council  
February 2021**

Speaker of the House's Appointee  
Steve Cuckler  
Columbus

President of the Ohio State Bar Assoc./Designee  
Kimberly W. Bojko, Esq.  
Columbus

President of the Ohio Municipal League  
Mark Schwieterman  
Kettering

Ohio Department of Aging's Appointee  
Ginni Ragan  
Columbus

Board Chairman of Accountancy Board/Designee  
John Patterson  
Columbus

Designee for Chairman of State Board of Registration  
for Professional Engineers and Surveyors  
Walid Gemayel  
Worthington

President of the Senate's Appointee  
Shannon Jones  
Springboro

Governor's Appointee/Representative of  
Regulated Utilities  
Mike Koren  
Columbus

Director of the Ohio Development Services  
Agency/Designee  
Lydia Mihalik  
Findlay

Governor's Appointee/Organized Labor  
Mark A. Totman  
Columbus

Governor's Appointee/Representative of  
The Business Community  
Michael Hartley  
Columbus

Chairman of Ohio Consumers' Counsel  
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