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## **Ohio Chamber of Commerce Elects New Members to Board of Directors**

*COLUMBUS, OHIO* – At its second quarter board meeting on June 3, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected a total of 15 new members.

Representing a broad range of industries and communities, the Chamber's newest board members bring valuable perspectives that will help shape the organization's priorities and advocacy efforts in the years ahead.

- Gerald Anderson, **IBM**
- Michael P. Balog, **Hikma Pharmaceuticals**
- David Braun, **Intelligent Generation**
- John Campbell, **Strategic Public Partners**
- Joe Erb, **McKinley Strategies**
- Ville Hellström, **VILPE USA**
- Dylan Hradek, **Centuri**
- Sam Meiner, **Coca-Cola Consolidated**
- Milroy J. Samuel, M.D. ABPM, ABOG, **Complete Healthcare**
- Anya Sanchez, MD, MBA, **Shakerland Farms, LLC**
- Cameron Scholvin, **Columbus Blue Jackets**
- Dr. Lillian Schumacher, **Tiffin University**
- Kevin Servick, **Philip Morris International (PMI)**
- Steve Steele, **Petland Inc.**
- Nazar Zhdan, **The Kroger Co.**

The Ohio Chamber is the state's leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

## **JUNE 2026 NEW BOARD MEMBERS**



**DYLAN HRADEK  
CENTURI**

Dylan Hradek is President of US Gas Operations for Centuri, with daily oversight of operations at NPL, Canyon, and NEUCO. In this role, he leads strategic growth, operational performance, customer relationships, and workforce development across multiple regions and business units — overseeing both union and non-union companies.

With more than 35 years of utility and underground construction experience, Dylan's career reflects a deep understanding of the industry from the ground up. He began as a laborer and advanced through the ranks of foreman, superintendent, area manager, and executive leadership. Since joining NPL in 1999, he has played a critical role in expanding service offerings, entering new markets and industry segments, growing top- and bottom-line revenue, and building long-standing customer relationships rooted in trust and performance.

NPL has operated in Ohio for nearly two decades, delivering large diameter and station projects for utility customers across the state. Under Dylan's leadership, NPL has maintained a Master Service Agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio since approximately 2010, with a consistent presence along the I-70 corridor.

NPL's commitment to Ohio has earned meaningful recognition, including a National Safety Council (NSC) safety award and the NiSource Supplier of the Year award, reflecting the company's dedication to operational excellence and valued customer partnership.

Dylan has also overseen major underground infrastructure initiatives, including the Peoples Gas Accelerated Main Replacement Program (AMRP) in Chicago and Nicor Gas' Invest in Illinois modernization initiative. He helped re-establish NPL's relationship with Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), strengthening the company's regional utility partnerships and long-term market position.

A recognized leader in diversity, inclusion, and community engagement, Dylan's commitment extends beyond supplier diversity to the people within the organization. He serves as Executive Sponsor of Centuri's Employee Resource Groups, championing a culture where employees feel seen, supported, and empowered to grow. He has also championed programs that create opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses and strengthen workforce pipelines in underserved communities. He played a key role in developing NPL's Partner Alliance, bringing together team members, contractors, and suppliers to promote education, collaboration, inclusion, and community service across the industry. He also helped position NPL as an early partner in the Nicor Career Academy, developed in collaboration with the Quad County Urban League to prepare young adults for careers in the utility industry through workforce readiness and training.

As NPL continues to grow its presence in Ohio, Dylan is eager to deepen that investment not just operationally, but in the communities where the work happens. He is committed to advancing workforce development opportunities, building meaningful community partnerships, and contributing to industry advocacy that strengthens Ohio's infrastructure and economic future. For Dylan, the measure of success has always gone beyond the project. It's about the people, the relationships, and the lasting impact left behind.



**SAM MEINER**  
**COCA-COLA CONSOLIDATED**

Sam Meiner is the Vice President General Manager of the Mid-West Region for Coca-Cola Consolidated, the largest Coca-Cola bottler in the United States. In this role, Sam leads sales and service operations across Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, bringing more than 30 years of experience in beverage sales, distribution, and operational leadership.

In his current role, Sam is responsible for delivering the annual business plan across the Mid-West Region through strong leadership in selling, distribution, and customer management. He partners closely with cross-functional teams on revenue management, commercial execution, and operational efficiency, while championing the development of diverse talent and the next generation of servant leaders at Coca-Cola Consolidated.

Sam stepped into this expanded regional role in January 2026, building on his tenure as Vice President General Manager of the Mid-West Market Unit, a position he had held since 2019. Prior to that, he served as Vice President Ohio Market Unit Sales at Coca-Cola Consolidated.

Sam came to Coca-Cola Consolidated through its acquisition of territories from Coca-Cola Refreshments, where he served as Vice President of Market Unit Field Operations for Indiana and Ohio, and previously as Director of Sales for the Ohio Market Unit. Earlier in his career, he spent 18 years with Coca-Cola Enterprises in roles of increasing responsibility, including Sales Center Manager, Sales Manager, On Premise Sales Manager, District Sales Manager, and Account Manager across Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management and Organizational Leadership, as well as an Associate of Elected Studies in Management from Thomas More University. He also serves as Board President of the Ohio Beverage Association, a trade association dedicated to the preservation and advancement of Ohio's bottling, manufacturing, and beverage companies.



**CAMERON SCHOLVIN**  
**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**

Cameron Scholvin is the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Columbus Blue Jackets. He rejoined the organization in August 2016 after previously serving as the club's Senior Vice President of Corporate Development from 2008-12.

Between his tenures with the Blue Jackets, Scholvin was the Regional Vice President for the Midwest region at IMG College (2012-2016). In this role, he managed a portfolio of schools, including prominent schools like Ohio State, Michigan, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Kansas, and Cincinnati, as well as the Mid-American Conference. He led sponsorship development and partnership marketing efforts, significantly enhancing university partner brands and driving substantial revenue.

In his earlier role with the Blue Jackets, Scholvin coordinated all sales and service initiatives related to corporate partnerships and premium seating. Prior to joining the Blue Jackets, he spent 11 years with the Orlando Magic, ultimately serving as Vice President of Corporate Partnerships for both the NBA franchise and its official training facility, the RDV Sportsplex. Scholvin began his career with the Magic as a member of the corporate sales team and was later promoted to department director.

A native of Muncy, Pennsylvania, Scholvin is a graduate of Princeton University. He currently resides in Columbus with his wife, Rebekah, and their four children: sons Tate, Charles, Maverick, and daughter Elizabeth (Izzy).



**MILROY J. SAMUEL, M.D. ABPM, ABOG**  
**COMPLETE HEALTHCARE**

Dr. Milroy J. Samuel is a native of Central Ohio. He began his undergraduate studies at The Ohio State University, earning his B.S./B.A. in Finance.

He earned his Medical Degree from Meharry Medical College in 1997 and completed his residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB/GYN) at The Ohio State University.

In 2000, Dr. Milroy J. Samuel was recognized for his excellence and efficiency by being named Chief Resident at The Ohio State University, a distinction worthy of high praise and recognition.

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Dr. Milroy J. Samuel was recruited by several area hospital healthcare staffing agencies, but he opted to join his father in private practice instead. Through his experience and expertise, the concept of a comprehensive women's healthcare center was formed. He brought his vision of using the most cutting edge technology and innovative techniques to fruition at Complete Healthcare for Women.

To date, Dr. Milroy J. Samuel has devoted his career to the practice and he continues to embrace progressive developments in women's healthcare. He is a regular contributor to PregnancyCorner.com.

Dr. Milroy J. Samuel, MD has been recognized by his peers as a Columbus Monthly Top Doctor for the past 8 years in a row. This achievement and honor is bestowed upon just a few physicians. It serves as a testament, to his commitment and promise, to always attempt to provide the best medical care possible for his patients and the community.

### **LICENSES + PUBLICATIONS**

Has written articles for Pregnancy Corner

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

He is a member of The Columbus OBGYN Society and The International Society of Cosmetogynecology.

Dr. Samuel is both a Board Certified Addictionologist in Drug Treatment Medicine and Obstetrics/Gynecology. He holds additional memberships with The Fellow American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and is a Diplomat of The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



**MICHAEL P. BALOG**  
**HIKMA PHARMACEUTICALS**

Over 30 years of experience in two of the most regulated industries (Pharmaceutical / Nuclear). Broad background and accomplishments in sterile, non-sterile operations – including medical device combination products, validation, construction / start-up, and quality, including several unique dosing technologies (e.g. liposome, microsphere, 3D printed, nasal, and dry powder inhaler). A well-documented record of excellence, with a noted ability for progressive thinking and optimizing processes. Ability to motivate and effectively communicate, maximizing quality-based productivity.

## GERALD ANDERSON

### **IBM**

Gerald Anderson has been appointed to lead the IBM team in the State of Ohio as the Technical Sales Leader. In his previous role, Gerald lead the IBM Cybersecurity Technology Sales team for Public Markets that includes State, Local Government, Higher Education, Health Care and Life Sciences Accounts in the United States. As a security leader, he and his team provided solutions in the areas of securing AI deployments and data wherever it resides, simplifying compliance reporting, detecting threat vulnerabilities, and enhancing privacy & governance controls through identity and access management.

Prior to joining the Security Team, Gerald served as a Technology Sales Leader in New York City. He was responsible for managing the relationship of the largest social services and public education agencies in North America. In this position, he provided Data/AI, Automation, Cloud and Cognitive technology solutions and consulting services which solved for New York City government leaders' critical problems. For all clients, Gerald aims to become IBM clients' trusted advisor with the priority of accomplishing critical local government initiatives that provide immediate citizen impact.

Gerald Anderson is a former scholarship athlete from Mercyhurst University. He is also a graduate of The University of Pittsburgh, Katz School of Business, where he earned a master's in business administration degree in strategy, finance and entrepreneurship on a full scholarship. Gerald is a member of the University of Pittsburgh Katz Business School Alumni Board as well as an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Over the past four years, Gerald has committed to giving back his time through mentorship to various non-profit organizations such as United Way, iMentor, and Science 2 the Max. In addition, he volunteers for CUNY Startup programs to advise small businesses looking to scale.

Gerald currently resides in Columbus, Ohio and is a native of Harrisburg, PA.



**DAVID BRAUN**  
**INTELGEN**

David has spent his 30-year career working across a broad spectrum of the energy and utilities space, particularly with large commercial and industrial customers as well as in renewables. His experiences provide him with a unique skill set to lead through the on-going energy transition. Prior to joining IG, David was president of GlidePower Power Solutions, where he was responsible for its 450 MW of wind, solar, and battery energy storage operating projects. Earlier in his career, he held executive roles in origination, marketing, and operations for Engie Resources, Direct Energy, Exelon Energy and ComEd, and also worked as a consultant focused on procurement of renewable and traditional energy for large energy users. He also is a member of the Illinois Solar Energy and Storage Association (ISEA) and serves on its board and policy committee.

David holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University.



**NAZAR ZHDAN**  
**THE KROGER CO.**

Nazar Zhdan serves as Head of Government Relations for the Midwest and South Regions at The Kroger Co., where he leads state and local government affairs strategy across a multi-state region. In this role, he partners with elected officials, business leaders, trade associations, and community stakeholders to advance public policy priorities and strengthen Kroger's engagement in the communities it serves. He also advises company leadership on political strategy and public policy matters.

Prior to joining Kroger, Nazar served as Senior Director of State Government Affairs and Advocacy at The Ohio State University, where he led legislative strategy and stakeholder engagement efforts focused on workforce development, research, higher education funding, and student success initiatives. During his tenure, he helped secure significant state investments to support workforce and veterinary education programs.

Earlier in his career, Nazar held government affairs and external relations roles with Root Insurance and Van Meter, Ashbrook & Associates, where he led multi-state advocacy initiatives and helped organizations navigate legislative and regulatory environments.

Nazar also brings political campaign experience at the local, state, and national levels, including building grassroots strategies, engaging elected officials and community leaders, and organizing large scale voter turnout events.

Originally from Ukraine, Nazar is actively engaged in civic and community organizations across Ohio. He currently serves as a Commissioner on the Ohio Commission on Eastern European Affairs and as a member of the Emerging Leaders Board of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

Nazar earned his bachelor's degrees in Economics and Political Science from Ohio Wesleyan University and is currently pursuing his MBA at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business.



**JOE ERB**  
**MCKINLEY STRATEGIES**

Joe Erb is the Managing Partner of Grassroots Engagement at McKinley Strategies where he oversees all grassroots and grasstops business of the firm as well as overseas client issues at with the legislature and the executive branch.

Prior to joining McKinley Strategies, Joe Erb was a Partner at The Blasdel Group, a full-service lobbying and grassroots firm. Erb is one of the country's foremost experts on grassroots lobbying. He manages a national grassroots campaign for a Fortune 250 Company, several multi-state grassroots initiatives, as well as Ohio-specific campaigns. Erb is also a registered Ohio State House Lobbyist with several clients ranging the business spectrum.

Prior to joining the private sector in 2006, Erb served as the Senior Legislative Aide to the Speaker Pro Tempore of The Ohio House of Representatives for five years. In addition, he was the Campaign Manager for several successful State Legislative races in both 2002 and 2004.

During his time at The Ohio House of Representatives, Erb staffed the House Banking, Pensions and Securities Committee as well as the Predatory Lending Study Committee. Additionally, he helped craft legislation such as: Brian and Aaron's Law, Coal Safety Legislation, Local Government Funding Reform, Tax Reform Legislation and Payday Lending Reform Regulations.

Erb is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a focus on Campaign Politics and American Public Policy. Erb previously served as an elected member of Hilliard City Council where he was the Chair of the Public Safety and Legal Affairs Committee.

Previously, Erb also served on The Franklin County Republican Central Committee and served as a board member on the Parkinson Foundation Board of Central and Southeast Ohio. He is a member of The Ohio Lobbying Association, The Ohio State University Alumni Association, The Columbus Italian Club, The Hilliard Area Republican Club and a friend to the Capital Area Humane Society.

Joe and his wife Stacie live in New Albany with their children, Gigi and Leo.



**STEVE STEELE**  
**PETLAND INC.**

Steve Steele serves as Chief Operating Officer of Petland Inc., where he leads retail operations across 17 corporate stores and approximately 74 franchise locations nationwide. His responsibilities span sales, marketing, retail operations, human resources, IT, customer service, accounting, finance, and training, giving him end-to-end accountability for the performance of one of the country's most recognized specialty pet retailers.

Steve joined Petland in 2021 and has spent the last five years driving operational discipline, store-level performance, and growth strategy across the corporate and franchise network. Under his leadership, Petland has advanced initiatives in store benchmarking, kennel health and care standards, technology modernization, and customer experience, all anchored by the company's core mission of matching the right pet with the right family.

Prior to joining Petland, Steve held C-level leadership roles in the telecommunications industry, most recently as a President of the Fiber Optic Unit at Horizon Telcom in Chillicothe, Ohio, now part of GloFiber. His telecom background brings a strong foundation in infrastructure, technology, customer service operations, and managing capital-intensive businesses through periods of transition and growth.



**KEVIN SERVICK**  
**PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL (PMI)**

Kevin Servick serves as a Director of External Affairs for Philip Morris International (PMI) where he leads nationwide engagement with state Attorneys General focusing on regulatory, youth access prevention, and illicit trade matters. Prior to his time at PMI, Mr. Servick served Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost as Senior Advisor and Director of Business Government in order to bridge the gap between the private and government sectors. Kevin began his professional career working on a variety of political campaigns from the township to presidential level, culminating in leading the successful efforts of Dave Yost for Attorney General in 2018. Kevin is also a proud alum of Team Tiberi where he led grassroots political efforts for Congressman Pat Tiberi in the 2010 election cycle. Following the 2010 campaign, he began a long tenure with then Auditor of State Dave Yost.

Following his campaign activities, Mr. Servick joined the American Petroleum Institute where he oversaw mobilization efforts in the energy rich Midwest region, before re-joining Dave Yost in the office of Attorney General.

Mr. Servick and his wife, Dr. Megan Buller, are residents of Grandview Heights, OH. Mr. Servick is a graduate of The Ohio State University, and despite Dr. Buller being born and raised in Michigan and graduating from Notre Dame the pair have two boys, Colin (7) and Noah (4) where they spend most of their spare time going on bug hunts and playing backyard tee-ball.



**ANYA SANCHEZ, MD, MBA**  
**SHAKERLAND FARMS, LLC**

Dr. Anya Sanchez is a physician executive with over 25 years in senior leadership roles in the healthcare industry. She earned her doctorate in medicine from the University of Toledo and her masters in business administration from Georgetown University. Her most recent executive roles include: VP, Transformation at CTI, a global contract research organization, President of the UC Health Foundation, and Chief Transformation Officer & Chief of Staff at UC Health. Dr. Sanchez specializes in business and culture transformations and is trained and certified in Toyota Lean leadership.

Dr. Sanchez has served on numerous non-profit and community boards and is currently on the Executive Committee of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the Anthony Munoz Foundation, and Magnified Giving. She has served on the Ohio Chamber Research Foundation Board since 2024 and is Chairing the newly created Planning Committee.

Dr. Sanchez is a third-generation owner of Shakerland Farms, LLC a commercial grain farm located between Dayton and Cincinnati. She is an avid beekeeper, founding Golden Valley Bee Company in 2022 and serving as Vice President of Warren County Beekeeping Association.

Anya is wife of Jon Sanchez, mother of Jonathan Jr., Jet & Anevay Sanchez, and daughter of Walt & Amy Davis.



**JOHN CAMPBELL**  
**STRATEGIC PUBLIC PARTNERS**

John Campbell is a Partner and President of Strategic Public Partners. SPP is a full-service public affairs, public relations, government affairs, and issue management firm based in Columbus, Ohio. He directs the company's financial goals, objectives and budgets. He also manages staff, including organizational structure, professional development, personnel policies, and procedures.

John is a veteran of several successful statewide candidate and ballot issue campaigns, giving him extensive experience in campaign-style tactics, opinion leader mobilization, grassroots organization and issue campaign management. He has served on the executive leadership teams of the 2012 No on Issue 2, 2010 Portman for U.S. Senate, and the 2009 Yes on Issue 3 campaigns. Additionally, John has served as central Ohio district director for U.S. Senator Rob Portman, executive director of the Franklin County Republican Party, and coordinated public policy and political events for former Ohio Governor Bob Taft.

John is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.A. in Political Science and minor in History. He is a trustee for the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He lives in Central Ohio with his wife and children.



**DR. LILLIAN SCHUMACHER**  
**TIFFIN UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Lillian “Lil” Schumacher is President of Tiffin University and a nationally recognized leader in institutional transformation, strategic growth, and outcomes-driven leadership. With more than 38 years of experience spanning higher education and corporate environments, she brings a distinctive perspective to how organizations adapt, innovate, and deliver meaningful results in complex and rapidly changing environments.

Since being named Tiffin University’s sixth president, and the first woman to hold the role, Dr. Schumacher has led the institution through a period of significant transformation, positioning it for long-term sustainability, growth, and impact. Expansion is evaluated by whether it improves student success and long-term mobility, which has driven the alignment of academic strategy, financial decision-making, and workforce relevance, ensuring that innovation is both purposeful and measurable.

Equally central to her leadership is a commitment to developing people, not just programs. Dr. Schumacher believes higher education’s responsibility extends beyond knowledge transfer to the formation of individuals prepared to lead with skill, character, and courage. Under her leadership, Tiffin has embedded leadership development, accountability, and continuous improvement into its culture, guaranteeing institutional values are operational, not aspirational.

In an era defined by scale and automation, Dr. Schumacher has positioned Tiffin as a university where students are known, supported, and connected to opportunity through intentional partnerships, experiential learning, and global engagement. The result is a model built on connection as a strategic advantage.

Prior to being named president, Dr. Schumacher served as Dean of the School of Business and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tiffin University. She has also served in academic

leadership roles at Indiana Tech, Chancellor University, and the University of Saint Francis, as well as experience in the private sector as a consultant and executive coach.

With extensive board governance experience across corporate, higher education, and nonprofit organizations, Dr. Schumacher currently serves on the boards of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio and the Ohio Foundation for Independent Colleges, where her work includes strategic planning, finance, and governance. Her corporate board experience includes serving as Lead Director for Webster Industries, where she oversaw compensation strategy and contributed to a successful private equity transaction. She has also held leadership roles with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, including serving as Chair of the Audit Committee, and continues to engage with industry through advisory work with Cengage.

Recognized for her leadership, Dr. Schumacher was named to the inaugural cohort of 50 Women to Watch for Boards in 2023 and has been recognized by Smart Business Magazine and the Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of Women Corporate Directors.

Dr. Schumacher holds a Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies from Bowling Green State University, along with master's degrees in Organization Development and Higher Education/College Student Personnel from BGSU. She earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Allegheny College, where her academic work focused on corporate merger activity. Her academic foundation reflects a longstanding focus on leadership, organizational effectiveness, and the intersection of strategy and performance.



**VILLE HELLSTRÖM**  
**VILPE USA**

Ville Hellström is currently serving as the CEO of VILPE USA. With more than a decade of experience in international sales, business development, and strategic growth, he has worked

extensively across European and North American markets helping companies grow through strong partnerships, collaboration, and customer-focused leadership. His background includes leading international teams, developing distributor networks, and helping organizations adapt and succeed in different markets and cultures.

Originally from Finland and now based in Ohio, Ville brings an international perspective and a collaborative leadership style shaped by working with people and businesses across multiple countries. Alongside his executive experience, he has also served in several board and organizational leadership roles, giving him a strong appreciation for community engagement, economic development, and building connections between local businesses and global opportunities.

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