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Ohio Chamber Elects Lara DeLeone New Board Chairwoman

COLUMBUS, OHIO – At its second quarter meeting on May 28, 2025, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected Lara DeLeone, Central Ohio Market President and Senior Vice President in the Public Sector Group at KeyBank, as its new Chairwoman. The Ohio Chamber is the state’s leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. The mission of the Ohio Chamber is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

“Lara brings an exceptional blend of public and private sector leadership to the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors,” said President & CEO Steve Stivers. “Her deep understanding of government operations, combined with over two decades of experience in client relations and business development at KeyBank, makes her a powerful advocate for Ohio’s business community.”



DeLeone has served on the Ohio Chamber Board of Directors and the Board’s Executive Committee since 2022. As Chairwoman of the Chamber Board, DeLeone will be responsible for management of the Board of Directors and will act as an advisor to the staff of the Ohio Chamber.

DeLeone began her career in public service, holding roles in the Ohio House of Representatives, Governor's Office, State Treasurer's Office, and the U.S. Senate. From there, she transitioned into financial services, joining KeyBank in 2002. In her current role, she manages relationships with government and institutional clients across several states and leads regional business development and community engagement efforts.

"I am excited to assume the role of Chairwoman of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce," said DeLeone. "I'm especially looking forward to working with and advocating for businesses of all sizes, from the all-important small businesses to larger corporate entities and non-profits that help make Ohio a great place to work and call home."

Additionally, Brant Standridge, President of Consumer and Regional Banking for Huntington National Bank, was named Board Chair-Elect. He will serve as Board Chairman following DeLeone's two-year term. At Huntington, he is responsible for the institution's personal, private and business banking portfolio, all corporate marketing activities and the segment's product groups, deposits, digital strategies and risk management.

DeLeone replaces Brian Hicks, President & CEO of Hicks Partners LLC, who completed his two-year term as Chairman but will continue to serve on the Board.

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