

The Portage County Board of Commissioners

Board Appointments

Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS)

Portage County Commissioners are members to this board. The Commissioners hold an organization meeting at the beginning of each year. At this session, they each appoint an alternate. They also appoint a member to the Citizens Involvement Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, plus alternates for each.

Board of Building Appeals

There are seven (7) members and one (1) alternate to this board all appointed by the Board of Commissioners. This board must include one (1) attorney admitted to the Ohio bar, one (1) architect registered in Ohio, one (1) structural engineer registered in Ohio, one (1) mechanical engineer registered in Ohio and one (1) organized labor representative knowledgeable in the construction and equipment of buildings and structures. The remaining members are currently homeowners.

Members serve a 3 year term. One (1) member's term has expired on 5/11/21.

Board of Developmental Disabilities

This board consists of seven (7) members, serving a four (4) year term, with a maximum of three (3) terms. Five (5) members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners and two (2) by the Probate Judge. Two (2) Board of Commissioners appointees will expire 12/31/21.

Board of Revision

The County Treasurer, County Auditor, and a member of the Board of County Commissioners constitute the county board of revisions. Each official may appoint one qualified employee from that official's public office to serve in the official's place. The Board of Commissioners appoints their member, and alternate, at their organizational meeting in January of each year.

Community Action Council (CAC)

This Board is governed by an eighteen (18) member Board of Directors; one-third of all members represent elected officials, one-third represent low-income areas or groups, and one-third represent the private sector. Members serve a five (5) year term. Terms expiring in the private sector are: two (2) on 11/19/24, one (1) each on 3/16/21 & 5/01/21, and one (1) on 01/17/23. Terms expiring in the low-income representation are: one (1) on 09/18/23, one (1) each on 02/14/24, 04/17/24, & 06/20/24, one (1) on 12/17/20, and one (1) on 05/01/21.

Community Based Corrections Board

This board shall include an administrator of a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse located in the county; a county commissioner of that county; a judge of the court of common pleas of that county; a judge of a municipal court or county court of that county; an attorney whose practice of law primarily involves the representation of criminal defendants; the chief law enforcement officer of the largest municipal corporation located in the county; the county sheriff; one or more prosecutors, as defined in section [2935.01](#) of the Revised Code; the executive director of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services serving that county or the executive director's designee, or the executive directors of both the community mental health board and the alcohol and drug addiction services board serving that county or their designees, whichever is applicable; the executive director of the county board of developmental disabilities of that county or the executive director's designee; an administrator of a halfway house serving that county, if any, or the administrator's designee; an administrator of a community-based correctional facility, if any, serving the court of common pleas of that county or the administrator's designee; an administrator of a community corrections act-funded program in that county, if any, or the administrator's designee; one or more representatives of the public, one of whom shall be a victim of crime; one or more additional representatives of the law enforcement community; one or more additional representatives of the judiciary; one or more additional representatives of the field of corrections; and officials from the largest municipal corporation located in the county. A majority of the members of the board shall be employed in the adult criminal justice field. At least two members of the board shall be members of the largest racial minority population, if any, in the county, and at least two other members of the board shall be women. The resolution shall state the number and nature of the members, the duration of their terms, the manner of filling vacancies on the board, and the compensation, if any, that members are to receive. The board of county commissioners also may specify, as part of the resolution, any other duties the local corrections planning board is to assume.

Board members serve a three (3) year term. All member terms expire 3/14/22.

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)

This board is comprised of Summit, Medina and Portage counties a division of the Greater Akron Chamber. One (1) Portage County representative is appointed at the Board of Commissioners organizational meeting in January of each year.

Direction Home Areawide and County Advocacy (fka Area Agency on Aging)

Portage County is part of the Akron-Canton Agency. One (1) Portage County representative is appointed at the Board of Commissioners organizational meeting in January of each year.

District Library

This board consists of seven (7) members who serve a seven (7) year term. Four (4) trustees are appointed by the Board of Commissioners and three (3) are appointed by the judges of the Common Pleas Court. Board of Commissioners appointments expire in June of the following years: 2022, 2024, 2026 and 2027.

Emergency Food and Shelter Board (Federal Board)

The five (5) member board is appointed at the Board of Commissioners organizational meeting in January of each year. Board members are invited from local agencies of FEMA (EMA), American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, and National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army and United Way Worldwide.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Advisory Committee

Membership of this committee consists of the following with an alternate named:

The Portage County Sheriff's Office, Hospital, Fire Chiefs Association, Police Chiefs Association, County Engineer's Office, Health Department, Mental Health, Township Trustees Association, Red Cross, political representative from a city and a village and two citizens-at-large.

Non-voting membership should include but is not limited to: Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director, County Commissioners, Transportation Representative, University Representative and others that are appointed or invited.

Terms are two (2) years. Current member's terms expire 12/31/2020.

Family and Children First Council

The president of the Portage County Board of Commissioners, and an alternate, is appointed to this council at the Board of Commissioners organizational meeting in January of each year.

Housing Services Council

The Portage County Board of Commissioners appoints a representative to this council at the Board of Commissioners organizational meeting in January of each year.

Juvenile Detention Center

This is a joint board of Portage and Geauga counties. Joint Board of Commissioners appoints five (5) trustees and two (2) Judges. Each county is entitled to not less than two (2) Trustees. Terms expire at five (5) years. One (1) term will expire 5/31/2019, one (1) on 5/31/2025, and three (3) expire on 5/31/2022. Both Judicial terms expire 2/8/2021. Trustees can serve successive terms.

Law Library Resources

This board is comprised of five (5) members who must be residents of the county. Two (2) are appointed by the Board of Commissioners and will expire 12/31/23 and 12/31/24. One (1) each member is appointed by a Common Pleas Court Judge that expires 12/31/2023, by a Municipal Court Judge that will expire 12/31/21 and by the County Prosecutor that will expire 12/31/2020. Terms are five (5) years.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), which is under the Ohio EPA, shall appoint the members from a list submitted by the Portage County Board of Commissioners to serve on this committee for a two year term. Members shall consist of such number of members as the commission considers appropriate but shall include, without limitation, representatives from each of the following groups or organizations: elected state and local officials, law enforcement personnel, emergency management personnel, fire-fighting personnel, first aid personnel, health personnel, local environmental personnel, hospital personnel, transportation personnel, broadcast and print media personnel, community groups, and owners and operators of facilities subject to this chapter. Current members' terms expire 8/16/2023.

Mental Health & Recovery Board

This board consists of eighteen (18) members serving a four (4) year term. Eight (8) members are appointed by the state director of mental health and addiction services and ten (10) are appointed by the county commissioners. Board of Commissioners appointee terms expire as follow: Four (4) on 6/30/22, Four (4) on 7/1/25, one (1) on 6/30/21 and one (1) on 6/30/23. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive four-year terms under the same appointing authority, but may be appointed again following a one (1) year absence.

Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning & Development Organization (NEFCO)

NEFCO is comprised of Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties.

The Portage County Board of Commissioners appoints members, and their alternates, at the Board of Commissioners organizational meeting in January of each year. This includes basic representatives of County Commissioners, a Township trustee, a Municipal appointment, and general appointments contingent on population determined by the Federal Census. There are currently six (6) representatives from Portage County.

Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP)

Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull make up this program. There are seven (7) members on the board: two (2) are appointed by the commissioners of these counties and five (5) are appointed by the Judicial Advisory board. Two (2) terms expires November 2019, One (1) on November 2021, One (1) on November 2022, and Two (2) terms expire November 2023.

Northeast Ohio Consortium Council of Government (NOC COG)

This council consists of Portage, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. Portage is allotted twelve (12) members: six (6) business owners or CEO's, and one (1) representative of each of the following; education/ABLE, one labor, Community Action Council, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Economic Development Director and Community based services. Three (3) business members expire 12/3/22, one (1) business expires 8/2/22, one (1) Community Based expires 6/30/21, one (1) youth provider on 6/30/23, one (1) Economic Development on 6/30/23. Terms are three (3) years. Portage County Board of Commissioners is appointed to this council at their organizational meeting in January of each year.

Ohio Childrens Trust Fund

Portage County is included with the following counties in one of the eight regions in Ohio: Ashland, Columbiana, Holmes, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne. Two (2) members to serve as county prevention specialist are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Terms are two (2) years and expire 3/7/2020.

Port Authority

There are seven (7) members appointed to this board to serve four (4) year terms. Terms will expire one (1) on 12/31/22, four (4) on 12/31/24 and two (2) on 12/31/2021.

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA)

This board consists of fifteen (15) members serving three (3) year terms. Three members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners to represent the Northern, Middle and Southern portions of Portage County. The Southern term expires 6/30/24, the Middle term expires 6/32/22 and Northern on 6/30/23.

Portage-Geauga Joint Juvenile Detention Center Board of Trustees

This is a joint board of Portage and Geauga counties. Joint Board of Commissioners appoints five (5) trustees and two (2) Judges. Each county is entitled to not less than two (2) Trustees. Terms expire at five (5) years. One (1) term will expire 5/31/2019, one (1) on 5/31/2020, and three (3) expire on 5/31/2022. Both Judicial terms expire 2/8/2021. Trustees can serve successive terms.

Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA)

The Board of Commissioners appoints one member to this council for a five (5) year term. This term expires 6/1/23.

Public Defender Commission

The Board of Commissioners appoints three (3) members to this five (5) member commission. Two (2) terms expire 5/31/22 and one (1) on 2/27/24. Terms are four (4) years. The other two members are appointed by a Common Pleas Judge.

Regional Planning Commission

The Portage County Board of Commissioners comprises this board along with representative they appoint at their organizational meeting in January of each year. Alternates for each member are also appointed.

Tax Incentive Review Councils

The Board of Commissioners, the County Auditor and representatives from each Township, City and Village serve unexpired terms that are part of the Enterprise Zone Agreement. There is one Streetsboro member opening at this time.

Transportation Improvement District (TID)

Five (5) voting members to this board are appointed by the Board of Commissioners to a two (2) year term. Each of these expires 9/9/2019. One each non-voting member is appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the President of the Ohio Senate.

Variance (Flood)

Part of the Board of Building Appeals Board