

Overview

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) is a regional arts and cultural district and an independent political subdivision of the State of Ohio; it is not part of City or Cuyahoga County government. CAC is authorized in the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 3381, for the purpose of providing grants to qualified Cuyahoga County nonprofit organizations.

CAC is **governed by a Board of Trustees of five members** who are nominated by the County Executive and appointed by County Council to three-year terms. Board members serve without compensation and are eligible for reappointment at the pleasure of the County.

Qualifications for Board Service

[ORC 3381.05](#) outlines the qualifications for trustees as a set of persons who:

- Have broad knowledge and experience in the arts or cultural heritage;
- At least two members...shall be persons who devote a major portion of their time to practicing, performing, or teaching any of the arts or who are professional administrators in any field of the arts or cultural heritage;
- Shall be qualified electors in Cuyahoga County.

CAC Board of Trustees Members

Karolyn Isenhart, President
2nd term expires 3/31/2027

Daniel Blakemore, Vice President
1st term expires 3/31/2026

Leonard DiCosimo, Secretary
1st term expires 3/31/2027

Michele Scott Taylor, Trustee
2nd term expires 3/31/2026

Gina Vernaci, Trustee
2nd term expires 3/31/2028

Authority and Key Activities of the CAC Board

[ORC 3381.07](#) outlines the authority granted to the regional arts and cultural district, which includes approving grants, policies, and bylaws.

Ohio Ethics & Sunshine Laws

CAC Trustees are public officials under Ohio law. All public officials and government employees are required to abide by the [Ohio Ethics Law](#). CAC's [Ethics Policy](#) is derived from Ohio Ethics Law. CAC's Board meets in public and is subject to Ohio's sunshine laws. Minutes and materials of all prior meetings are available [here](#).