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## Ohio Chamber Elects Brian Hicks New Board Chairman

COLUMBUS - At the first meeting of 2023, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected Brian Hicks, President & CEO of Hicks Partners LLC, as its new Chairman. 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.

"We look forward to working with Brian in this new leadership position," said Ohio Chamber President and CEO Steve Stivers. "His experience in strategy, business development and government will allow him to guide the Ohio Chamber to success through this leadership role."

Hicks has served on the Ohio Chamber Board of Directors since 2010. He also served as President of the Ohio Chamber Research Foundation until February 2022. As Chairman of the Chamber Board, Hicks will be responsible for management of the Board of Directors and act as an advisor to the staff of the Ohio Chamber.



He formed Hicks Partners, his consulting firm, in 2003. Hicks Partners LLC is a multidisciplinary business consulting firm that delivers results for clients seeking to enhance their image, impact policy decisions and grow their bottom line. Prior to his firm's formation, Hicks founded and directed MidAmerican Global Ventures LLC, a public-private partnership that promotes foreign investment in the United States. He has also had a robust career in public service. He served as Chief of Staff to the Governor of Ohio, Deputy Secretary of State of Ohio and Senior Legislative Adviser for a U.S. Congressman.

"I am honored to assume this leadership role within the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has long been a strong advocate for businesses throughout our great state," said Hicks. "I look forward to working with the Board of

Directors, President and CEO Steve Stivers and the dedicated team at the Ohio Chamber to advance the interests of our members and help Ohio businesses thrive in a competitive global market."

Hicks replaces Frank Carrino, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary at Westfield Insurance, who completed his two-year term as Chairman but will continue to serve on the Board.

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