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Commissioners Appoint Kevin D. Freese and Tim O'Brien to Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 12, 2024– The Lake County Board of Commissioners is unanimously voted to appoint Kevin D. Freese and Tim O'Brien to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees on March 7, 2024.

The Board of Commissioners appoints six of the nine members of the college's Board of Trustees. The Governor appoints the remaining three, all of which are five-year terms.

Commission President John T. Plecnik stated, "As two of the most accomplished and successful members of our local community, the Board of Commissioners is confident that Kevin D. Freese and Tim O'Brien will bring invaluable experience and perspectives to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have on guiding the future direction of the college. In particular, there is an ongoing search for the next president of Lakeland, so this appointment comes at a historic time and reflects the great trust Lake County has in both Kevin and Tim."



From the left: Commissioner John R. Hamercheck, Commission President John T. Plecnik, Kevin D. Freese and his sister, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. (Tim O'Brien not visible in photo.)

"We thank Kevin D. Freese and Tim O'Brien for their willingness to serve on the Board of Trustees. We have no doubt that they will work tirelessly to support the mission and vision of Lakeland Community College, and we look forward to seeing their contributions in action," said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

"The Board of Commissioners takes our responsibility of appointing trustees to the college very seriously. We believe that these appointments will help ensure that Lakeland Community College continues to provide high-quality education and opportunities for its students. We appreciate both Kevin and Tim for their willingness and excitement to serve on Lakeland's Board," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

"I want to thank the three Lake County Commissioners for their unanimous vote of confidence and support. I know how very important this role is as a Trustee of Lakeland Community College to shape the

future for this institution continuing to educate and inspire people of all ages to prepare for and realize their dreams. As a lifelong Lake County resident, I consider this an honor and privilege to serve my Lake County “family” in this role. I am excited to get to work to collaborate with my fellow trustees and the faculty and staff of Lakeland to build upon the legacy of the past to ensure an enriching future for our current and next generation of students, faculty, and staff,” said Kevin D. Freese.

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