



Board and Commission Appointments

Board of Allen County Commissioners

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the following are the organizations to which the Board of Allen County Commissioners appoints members of the public to serve on the governing boards.

1. Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) Board of Trustees *created pursuant to ORC 306.32*

The mission of ACRTA is to provide efficient, safe, and easily accessible transit services as a means of mobility to Allen County citizens in need of transportation. This Board is responsible for ensuring legal and ethical integrity, maintaining accountability, and providing proper fiscal and risk management oversight for the ACRTA. The Board is also responsible to appoint a chief executive officer/general manager and periodically review the performance of that lead staff member. The 2024 budget for the ACRTA is \$5,689,021 and is primarily funded by a sales tax levy, ridership fees, and grants. The Board of Allen County Commissioners appoints all seven members of the ACRTA Board to three-year terms. There are no limits on the number of terms that can be served. Board members are expected to serve on ACRTA committees. Learn more about the Allen County Regional Transit Authority at their website – <https://www.acrta.com/>

2. Allen County Regional Airport Authority (ACRAA) Board *created pursuant to ORC 308*

The purpose of this Board is to oversee operations, plan for improvements, and establish, construct, operate, maintain, equip, improve, enlarge, and promote the Allen County Airport located at 700 Airport Drive, Lima, Ohio 45804. The 2024 budget for the ACRAA was anticipated at \$900,507 and is primarily funded by farmland rental, fuel sales, hangar rental, user fees, a County General Fund appropriation, and other grants. The Board of Allen County Commissioners appoints all seven members of the ACRAA Board to five-year terms. There are no limits on the number of terms that can be served. Board members are expected to serve on ACRAA committees. Learn more about the Allen County Regional Airport at their website – <https://www.allencountyairport.com/>

3. Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD)

granted authority under ORC 3.22–3.24, ORC 7.02, ORC 102.01(B), ORC 121.22, ORC 505.10, ORC 2921.31, ORC 3323, ORC 5126.021–5126.218, OAC 5123:2-1-02, and OAC 5123:2-1-13

This Board is established to coordinate and provide supports and services for the citizens of Allen County who have developmental disabilities, to enable them to participate fully within their communities. Services are designed to be person-centered, providing people with options throughout life. The Board engages in strategic planning that defines the mission, vision and core values of the agency and identifies what shall happen in order to continue providing high quality service and supports. The Board is also responsible to appoint a District Superintendent and periodically review the performance of that lead staff member. The 2024 budget for the ACBDD of \$10,764,000 is primarily funded by two property tax levies, lease and contractual revenue, state and federal appropriations, and grants. The Board of Allen County Commissioners appoints five of the seven members of this Board to four-year terms. Appointees are limited to three consecutive full terms. Appointees must be residents of Allen County, citizens of the United States, and demonstrably interested and knowledgeable in the field of developmental and intellectual disabilities and related fields. At least two of the five appointments made by the Board of Allen County Commissioners must be individuals or family members of individuals receiving services from the ACBDD. The remaining two members of this Board are appointed by the Allen County Probate Judge. Board members are expected to serve on ACBDD committees. Learn more about the ACBDD at their website – <https://www.acbdd.org/>

4. Allen County JFS/OMJ Workforce Policy Board

ORC 6301.06 in accordance with the requirements of section 107(b)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. 3122(b)(2)

This Board serves as an engaged advisory body for the Local Workforce Plan. The plan addresses matters concerning workforce services provided by the agency in the County and is administered by the Board of Allen County Commissioners and the Director of the Allen County Job & Family Services (JFS)/Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ). Members of this Board are representatives of local economic development entities, chambers of commerce, businesses and industries who desire to support local economic growth, meet business needs, build trusting relationships, develop job opportunities, provide support to businesses for job retention, and support participants for retention and career advancement. There are presently sixteen members serving on this Board, all appointed by the Board of Allen County Commissioners. The Board strives to meet monthly for an update on the workforce programs and services of the Allen County JFS/OMJ agency. The Board of Allen County Commissioners aims to review this Board's representation annually with the Director of Allen County JFS/OMJ and adjust the appointments as needed. Learn more about Ohio Means Jobs Allen County at their website – <https://ohiomeansjobs-allen-county.com/>

5. Allen County Law Library Resources Board (LLRB)

ORC 307.51, 307.511, 307.512, 307.13, 307.14, 307.15, and 307.516 govern the organization, operation and responsibilities of a County LLRB

The LLRB is charged with the responsibility of providing legal research, reference, and library services to the county and to the municipal corporations, townships, and courts within the county and managing the coordination, acquisition, and utilization of legal resources. The 2024 budget for the ACRAA was anticipated at \$204,396 and is primarily funded by municipal court fines. The Commissioners appoint two of the board's five members to five-year terms; the other three members are appointed by the County's courts and Prosecutor. Appointees must be residents of Allen County. The Commissioners' and Prosecutor's appointees are not required to be attorneys. There are no term limits.

6. Allen County Public Defender Commission *created pursuant to ORC 120.13 through 120.18*

Members of this commission appoint the county public defender, determine the qualifications and size of the supporting staff and facilities and other requirements needed to maintain and operate the office of the county public defender. The 2024 budget for the Public Defender Commission was anticipated at \$1,024,118 and is funded by the county general fund and state reimbursement. The Commissioners appoint three of the commission's five members to four-year terms. The other two board members are appointed by the presiding judge of the county court of common pleas. At least one member of each appointing authority's appointees must be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio. There are no residency requirements and there are no term limits. Learn more about the Allen County Public Defender's Office at their website – <https://publicdefenderallencountyohio.com/>

7. Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) Board *created pursuant to ORC 3735.27 to 3735.50*

The AMHA is recognized by the State of Ohio as a political subdivision that functions as an Administrator of federal housing assistance programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The AMHA is committed to providing affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing while promoting economic opportunities for families. AMHA owns 207 scattered site public housing units in Allen County in which low-income families reside. In 2022, AMHA had expenses totaling \$7,760,310 and was primarily funded by operating subsidies, tenant rentals, and capital grants. The Commissioners appoint one of the Authority's five members to a five-year term with no term limits. The other appointing authorities to this board are the county probate court with one member, the county common pleas court with one member, and Lima's Mayor with two members. Appointees must be residents of the county, except in the case of the Lima Mayor's two appointments which must be residents of the City of Lima. Learn more about the Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority at their website – <https://www.allenmha.com/>

8. Mental Health & Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) serving Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties

created pursuant to ORC 340

Ohio's Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Boards are the "HUB" of the local Recovery-Oriented System of Care. Boards engage with many local partners to assess community needs, educate, advocate, coordinate, and facilitate the programs, services, and supports needed for individuals, families, and communities. In order to meet their statutory duties, Boards are responsible for the following: complete continuum of care, client protection, care coordination, housing development/management, community education and awareness, and critical incident management. In 2023, MHRSB reported program revenue totaling \$12,160,770 and sourced by a local levy (44%), the State of Ohio (36%), and federal dollars (20%). The Allen County Commissioners appoint four of the Board's 17 members. The Auglaize and Hardin County Boards of Commissioners each appoint two members of this board. All MHRSB members must be residents of their appointing county. A term for members of this board is four years and a board member cannot serve more than two consecutive terms under the same appointing authority. Learn more about the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties at their website – <https://www.wecarepeople.org/>

9. Port Authority of Allen County (PAAC) Board

created pursuant to ORC 4582.21 to 4582.60 with activities authorized by Sections 13 and 16 of Article VII of the Ohio Constitution

The PAAC was established to enhance, foster, aid, provide, or promote transportation, economic development, housing, recreation, education, governmental operations, culture, or research within Allen County. The PAAC Board works closely with the Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG). A port authority has the ability to own, lease and buy land, provide financing mechanisms to eligible entities, issue bonds, and other economic development tools and the Board members make these decisions and set policy. In 2023, the PAAC had \$1,233,787 in operating revenue from grant and lease contracts and a total of \$6,890,670 in fixed assets. The Allen County Commissioners appoint all seven of the PAAC Board members. A majority of the board members must be qualified electors in Allen County – entitled to vote in Allen County. PAAC Board members can have their businesses or places of employment in Allen County, but eligibility through this pathway must have been accomplished for a period of at least three years prior to their appointment. The length of a single board term is four years. Learn more about the Port Authority of Allen County on the Allen Economic Development Group website – <https://www.aedg.org/port-authority/>

10. Allen County Children Services (ACCS) Board *created pursuant to ORC 5153*

The Children Services Board has authority as the single agency of county government to exercise and carry out relatively broad powers and duties on behalf of children in the county deemed by the Board to be in need of public care or protective services. Board members are responsible for oversight to all financial and legal matters, human resource policy making, hiring and advising the Executive Director, and assuring that all programs, services and activities are in compliance with federal and state laws and rules. The 2022 revenues for the ACCS totaled \$7,978,991 with the sources being a local levy and other local, state and federal funding. The Allen County Commissioners appoint all nine of the ACCS Board members. One term of Board membership is four years. Board members are expected to serve on ACCS committees. Learn more about Allen County Children Services at their website – <https://www.allencsb.com/>

11. Allen Water District (AWD) Board of Trustees *created pursuant to ORC 6119*

The purpose of the Allen Water District is to provide public water supply to the residents, businesses and institutions of the District's service area. The Board of Trustees oversees the operations and maintenance of the Allen Water District utility infrastructure and assures the nearly 13,000 customers that the governing laws are followed. The Allen Water District works closely with the City of Lima in facilitating the water supply process. In 2022 the District had an annual operating revenue of \$1.7 million and capital assets valued at \$43 million. The Allen County Commissioners appoint four of the nine board members. Additionally, American, Bath, Perry and Shawnee Townships each appoint one board member. The ninth at-large board member is appointed by the other eight members. All appointees must reside within the Allen Water

District area of service. Terms are three years in length. Board members are expected to serve on AWD committees. Learn more about the Allen Water District at their website – <https://allenwaterdistrict.com/>

12. North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (NCOSWD) Policy Committee

created pursuant to ORC 343 and 3734.54

Allen County operates a solid waste district in conjunction with five other counties – Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union. The NCOSWD is responsible for creating and implementing a solid waste management plan and updating that plan every fifteen years to be compliant with Ohio EPA rules. The NCOSWD Policy Committee is required to prepare, monitor, and advise that solid waste management plan. The committee is convened as-needed for that purpose. The current NCOSWD Solid Waste Management Plan has been approved for the period of 2024 through 2038. The Allen County Commissioners ratify the appointment of seven of the 43 policy committee members, with each County appointing seven and the one at-large position being appointed by collective agreement. By County, two committee seats are held by members of the public; one seat is held by the president of the board of county commissioners or their designee; one seat is held by the chief executive officer of the municipal corporation having the largest population within the boundaries of the county or their designee; one seat is held by a member representing the townships within the county chosen by a majority of the boards of township trustees within the county; one seat is held by the health commissioner of the health district within the county or their designee; and finally one seat is held by a member representing industrial, commercial, or institutional generators of solid wastes within the District. A term on the NCOSWD Policy Committee is two years. Learn more about the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District at their website – <https://www.ncowaste.org/>

13. Allen County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

created pursuant to ORC 3750 and SARA Title III Act

The Board of Allen County Commissioners, in cooperation with the Allen County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, is required by federal law to make application/nomination of LEPC member appointments to the State of Ohio Emergency Response Commission (SERC) every two years. Committee members represent a broad variety of community sectors including emergency management, fire, law, elected officials, hospital, first aid, health, environmental, transportation, media, community groups, industry, and others. The thirty-member Committee is organized for the purpose of performing “Community Planning” for emergencies that involve hazardous and/or extremely hazardous substances. These plans must include fixed site facilities, as well as, transportation systems to include railway, pipeline and highways. The Allen County LEPC meets in every even month (February, April, June, August, October, December) under the direction of the Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The 2024 budget for the LEPC was anticipated at \$43,319, which is funded through the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). Anticipated expenses include training, exercises, and administration. Learn more about the Local Emergency Planning Commission at the Allen County Emergency Management Agency website – <https://www.allen-ema.com/lepc/lepc-overview/>

14. Allen County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Governing Board

created pursuant to the Ohio Dept of Development (ODOD), Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) guidelines and capitalized with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

The Allen County Commissioners created the RLF in 2004 as a tool for economic development. Goals of the RLF program include creation and retention of permanent private sector jobs, as well as expansion and retention of business and industry in Allen County. The primary role of the RLF Governing Board is to consider and recommend the approval of economic development loan applications to the Board of Commissioners. At the beginning of 2024 there were two established loans with a total balance of \$98,627 and regular payments being made by local businesses. The cash balance of the RLF Fund was \$617,775 at the start of 2024. The primary source of these revenues is the Ohio Dept of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships and CDBG funds. The Allen County Commissioners appoint all five of the members of the RLF Governing Board. Terms are three years in length.

15. Allen County Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center (VMCCC) Board of Trustees

created pursuant to ORC 345

The purpose of the VMCCC is to commemorate the services of all members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States and permanently recognize those service members from Allen County who made the ultimate sacrifice. As a county agency, the VMCCC also serves as Allen County's convention facility and center for performing arts, community, civic and patriotic gatherings. The VMCCC Board of Trustees governs its activities and is responsible for conducting its business, establishing its policies, and managing the property. The Board hires the Executive Director and works closely with that individual regarding VMCCC operations. Board members are also expected to serve on VMCCC committees. The 2024 budget for the VMCCC was anticipated at \$1,831,893 with primary revenue sources of bed tax, rentals, and hospitality. The Allen County Commissioners appoint all eleven of the VMCCC Board members. A majority (six) of the Board seats must be held by honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States. Board terms are five years in length. Learn more about the Allen County Veterans Memorial Convention and Civic Center at their website – <https://www.limaciviccenter.com/>

16. West Ohio Community Action Partnership (WOCAP) Board of Trustees

created pursuant to ORC 122.70

WOCAP has a three-county service area – Allen, Auglaize and Mercer. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a Community Action Agency, WOCAP is committed to promoting education, healthy prenatal outcomes, parental involvement, financial assistance, personal achievements and other services that families and individuals need. WOCAP engages a local approach to address the causes and conditions of poverty by promoting self-sufficiency in Allen, Auglaize and Mercer Counties through programming, advocacy and leadership. The organization gives low-income individuals the opportunity to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities. The work of the agency depends on partnerships with public and private organizations. WOCAP's 2023 budget was \$15,703,100 with revenue sources of federal and state grants, contract revenue, and contributions. The role of the Board of Trustees is to oversee all programs and services of the agency, hire the Chief Executive Officer, establish policies, evaluate program performance, and approve budgets. The Trustees also engage in the community assessments and the organization's strategic planning. The Allen County Commissioners appoint one member to this Board of eighteen. Overall, twelve Board members come from Allen County, and three members each from Auglaize and Mercer Counties. The Board members are required to represent one-third private business, one-third public entity, and one-third low-income interests. Board terms are five years in length. Learn more about the West Ohio Community Action Partnership at their website – <https://wocap.org/>

17. Allen County Flood Plain Appeals Board *created pursuant to ORC 307.37 and 307.85*

The Board of Allen County Commissioners is responsible for the *Flood Plain Damage Reduction & Floodplain Management Regulations for the Unincorporated Areas of Allen County, Ohio*. These regulations are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) so that property owners in Allen County can benefit from National Flood Insurance Program eligibility. The Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) is delegated with the responsibility by the Commissioners to administer the Allen County Floodplain Management Regulations. The LACRPC provides technical assistance and program oversight of the regulations governing development-related activities within the County. The Allen County Flood Plain Appeals Board convenes to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the administration or enforcement of the regulations. The Board also has the power to hear and authorize variances to the regulations. The Allen County Commissioners appoint all five members of this Board, with a term being two years in length. The Board members must reside within the unincorporated areas of Allen County. Find the *Flood Plain Damage Reduction & Floodplain Management Regulations for the Unincorporated Areas of Allen County, Ohio* at the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission's website – <https://www.lacrpc.com/land-use-regulatory-controls/floodplain-regulations/>

18. Allen County Illicit Discharge Appeals Board *created pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 9, 122, 123, and 124* Allen County, as a Phase 2 Urbanized Area recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is required to have and enforce *Regulations Prohibiting Illicit Discharges to the Separate Storm Sewer System in the Unincorporated Areas of Allen County, Ohio*. The purpose of the regulations is to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the unincorporated areas of Allen County through the regulation of non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and State law. The regulations also establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance and monitoring procedures necessary to ensure compliance with the regulations. The Allen Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is delegated with the responsibility by the Commissioners to administer the Allen County Illicit Discharge Regulations. The Illicit Discharge Appeals Board convenes to hear and decide on appeals to determinations of the administering agency. The Allen County Commissioners appoint all five members of this Board, with a term being two years in length. The Board members must reside within the unincorporated areas of Allen County. Find the *Regulations Prohibiting Illicit Discharges to the Separate Storm Sewer System in the Unincorporated Areas of Allen County, Ohio* on the Allen SWCD website – <https://www.allenswcd.com/illicit-discharge/>