

GET TO KNOW THE 2024 FFCCU BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Voting starts on **January 29, 2024 at 9:00 am EST.** and will end **March 1, 2024 at 4:00 pm EST.** It's up to you to elect four (4) members to serve a three-year volunteer term on our Board of Directors. These people will represent you and guide FFCCU into the future. Read through the candidates' bios below so that you can make an informed decision.

Cast your ballot online, by phone, or request a paper ballot. Visit ffcommunity.com or contact us at **216.621.4644** for details.



RICH BOWMAN

I have been a Cleveland Firefighter since 1989 and am presently a Battalion Chief serving the city's lower west side. I've served on the FFCCU Board of Directors since 2009, became the Treasurer in 2016, and Chairperson in 2021. I am a founding member and Treasurer of the Firefighters Memorial Ride. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a minor in Finance from Cleveland State University. In my time on the FFCCU board, I've overseen asset growth and expansion of our member footprint through acquisition and stringent financial discipline. This is a challenging yet exciting time for our credit union, and I look forward to our increased ability to help our members attain their own financial successes.



DENNIS CORRIGAN

I have been on the Cleveland Fire Department for 25 years and am currently a Captain. I am passionate about the Credit Union's mission and have enjoyed serving on the FFCCU Board of Directors since 2016. I care about serving our community, forming bonds between the credit union and the community, and helping members improve their economic situations. I have a strong desire to have a voice in an institution's decision-making process that I was raised with and believe in. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 20 years, and we have three beautiful children. I enjoy coaching youth sports, boating, and being with my family and friends. I look forward to serving on this Board in the future.



JIM ANDREWS

I have been honored to serve on the Board of Directors of this credit union since 2012 and have been a proud member for over 40 years. I was a fourth-generation Cleveland firefighter. I retired in November of 2019 after 34+ years of service. I am married with three children currently attending college. I enjoy walking, hiking, traveling, dining out, and watching and attending sporting events, especially high school and college. During my time on the board, I am proud to say we have maintained that small credit union service standard while continuing to grow and offer so much more to members. As a board director, I believe we are to set aside our own wants and needs and do what is best for all members.



JIM POLK

I have been on the FFCCU Board of Directors since 1982 and have served as the Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President during that time. I am a retired Cleveland firefighter after 30 years of service. I served on the Fire Fighters Local 93 executive board for 18 years and was a former Worker's Compensation Representative for Local 93 and the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters. I am focused on making sure Credit Union members get the best interest rates on their loans and savings. I appreciate the importance of effective and efficient governance to this organization's success. Credit unions exist to help people, not make a profit. Our goal is to serve all of our members well, including those of modest means - every member counts.



DAVID LAPIERRE

My wife Janet and I have lived in Broadview Heights for more than 20 years, and have three adult children. I am currently the Executive Director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce. Much of my career has been as a Sales Leader for a Swiss international manufacturing company. I am also a member of the Board of Directors for the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce and a former SBA/SCORE volunteer mentor. Becoming a Board member of FFCCU will give me the opportunity to help contribute to the financial well-being of the community and help ensure access to affordable financial services. I look forward to making a meaningful impact by offering my leadership skills and networking with our credit union members to be certain our organization is responsive.



ROBERT MOORE

I am the Chief Executive Officer of a Medicated Assisted Treatment Center that has been in business for over 51 years. I assumed this position in June of 2023. Prior to the CEO position, I was the Operational Officer of Compliance and Programs at the agency. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Education, a Master of Arts in Administration, a Master of Arts in Counseling, and a Doctorate in Leadership. My passion is to help people overcome addiction and to provide positive, quality customer service to our clients.



ERIKA VENTURA

I am a 15yr. resident of North Ridgeville and the Treasurer of my HOA Board. I am active in my community, helping the current Mayor with his campaign supporting the local school system, and various community groups alongside my husband. My son participates in both the local community and school sports leagues. I have over 20 years of experience in the financial industry, with a focus on strategic planning, compliance, auditing, and budgeting. I have been repeatedly recognized at the federal level for my operational excellence, dedication, and financial expertise. I am a current member of the Credit Union and have a strong desire to support the continued success and expansion of the organization. I believe my background in finance and banking will be beneficial to the Board in achieving its goals.



SHEROD WILLIAMS

Our family has been banking with FFCCU for over 50 yrs. I attended Warrensville Hts. High School, and I am a proud graduate of Ohio University, where I earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. For the past 20 yrs. I have worked in the finance industry, specializing in IT Security. As a member of the Mortgage Brokers Association, I obtained an Accredited Mortgage Professional Certification. I also hold an MBA along with a number of IT security certifications. I am looking for an opportunity to contribute my skills and knowledge to a team that continues to do great things to build up Cleveland. It has been a lifetime goal for me to give back to the city, which has given me so much throughout my lifetime.