

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – September 6, 2002**

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### **THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THREE NEW MEMBERS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Gov. Bob Taft today announced the appointment of three new members to nine-year terms with the Ohio Board of Regents, the coordinating board for higher education in the state.

“We look forward to these individuals bringing their unique perspectives and skills to bear on the critical issues facing higher education today,” said Roderick G.W. Chu, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. “These new Regents will join the effort to help Ohioans become better educated and more successful in the Knowledge Economy.”

The Ohio Board of Regents is an 11-member public board created in 1963 by the General Assembly to: provide higher education policy advice to the Governor and General Assembly; develop strategy involving Ohio’s public and independent colleges and universities; advocate for and manage state funds to public colleges and universities; and coordinate and implement state higher education policies.

“The importance of higher education to the future of our state requires that we tap the best people, who can provide a broad range of experience and knowledge,” said Taft. “[These individuals bring] such experience and expertise. Ohio’s vision for higher education will benefit greatly by [their] addition to the Ohio Board of Regents.”

The newly appointed Regents will participate in a brief, ceremonial swearing-in event at the board’s monthly meeting at Batelle Memorial Institute in Columbus Oct. 17.

Donna M. Alvarado, of Granville, Ohio, was appointed to the Ohio Board of Regents for a term beginning Oct. 1, 2002, and ending Sept. 20, 2011, succeeding Tahlman Krumm, of Columbus, whose term will expire Oct. 1.

Alvarado is the founder and managing director of Aguila International. Aguila is an international business-consulting firm whose practice provides a consortium for businesses and non-profit organizations seeking to collaborate in the western hemisphere. Aguila specializes in the areas of human resources and leadership development.

Alvarado has experience in government where she held senior management positions as deputy assistant secretary of defense, U.S. Department of Defense; counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; and staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Alvarado was also appointed by President Reagan and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as director of ACTION, the federal domestic volunteer agency, where she directed the activities of nearly 500,000 Americans serving as volunteers, led 500 employees and managed a budget of \$170 million.

Alvarado will bring valuable community college experience to the Board of Regents, as she has served on the board of trustees of the Central Ohio Technical College in

Newark, Ohio, since 1993 and as chairperson of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

With a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Spanish earned from The Ohio State University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude, Alvarado pursued doctoral studies in Latin American literature at the University of Oklahoma and completed postgraduate coursework in business at the Wharton School.

Edwin J. Rigaud, from Cincinnati, was appointed to the board for a term ending Sept. 20, 2011, succeeding Floyd W. Nickerson, of Texas, who resigned earlier this year. Nickerson was completing a term that had been vacated and was scheduled to end Sept. 21.

Rigaud is the president of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and a retired vice president of the Proctor & Gamble Company. At the Freedom Center, he is responsible for development, marketing and external affairs. He has been a part of the founding leadership team for this project since its inception in 1994. The Freedom Center will be a major educational institution that uses lessons of history to bring people together in the on-going quest for freedom today.

Rigaud's commitment to education is proven by his service to the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative on Education, the Greater Cincinnati Literacy Task Force and the International Youth Institute. Also, in his spare time, Rigaud developed a unique pre-school program and opened two demonstration schools for disadvantaged 3-year-old children.

Rigaud is a trustee emeritus for the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Cincinnati and a trustee of Xavier University in Cincinnati. Further community service also included the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the Cincinnati Zoo and the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

Rigaud earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, where he served as a board member. He also earned a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati and has completed the advanced management course at the Harvard Business School.

Bruce R. Beeghly, of Struthers, Ohio, was appointed to the Ohio Board of Regents for a term beginning Sept. 21, 2002, and ending Sept. 20, 2011, succeeding Gerald H. Gordon, of Brecksville, whose term will expire Sept. 21.

Beeghly is president of Altronic, Inc. a designer and manufacturer of electronic products sold worldwide. Altronic is the world's leading producer of ignition systems for stationary industrial engines.

Beeghly was elected to two 4-year terms on the Liberty Local Board of Education and served nine years on the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, acting as chairperson for two years. He is a trustee of the Youngstown State University Foundation, which oversees an endowment of over \$130 million. He served as a member of the Ohio Board of Regents Higher Education Funding Commission, and was selected to participate on a panel at the 2001 statewide trustees conference.

Beeghly is active in his community, serving as chair of the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way, on the board of directors of the Youngstown Incubator, as past member of the board of directors of National City Bank and Metropolitan Savings Bank,

and as past member and president of the board of directors of Youngstown Hearing & Speech Center.

Beeghly earned his bachelor's degree from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.

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