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**TATAR BRINGS BUSINESS, HIGHER EDUCATION PERSPECTIVE  
TO MEMBERSHIP WITH THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – Governor Bob Taft today appointed Jerome F. Tatar of Dayton to the Ohio Board of Regents.

Tatar retired as chairman of MeadWestvaco, served on the board of Sinclair Community college and served on the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and the Economy.

“Jerry brings to the Regents a wealth of business and higher education experience,” said Edmund J. Adams, chairman of the Ohio Board of Regents. “His leadership at MeadWestvaco, Sinclair and the Governor’s Commission will prove invaluable to the board as we face numerous issues in higher education crucial to the success of Ohio and its citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century Knowledge Economy. In particular, he will bring substantial perspective from the community college sector.”

Tatar joined Mead Corporation in 1973, starting as manager of Operations Research. He rose through a number of positions before being named president and chief operating officer in 1996 and then chairman and chief executive officer in 1997. Following a merger in January 2002, Tatar was named chairman of the new \$8 billion MeadWestvaco Corporation. He retired in December 2002.

Tatar joined the Sinclair Community College board of trustees in 1995, serving as chair from 2001-04. Last week, he resigned from that board, as well as the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, to accept his appointment as a Regent.

In 2003-2004, Tatar served on The Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and the Economy, holding leadership roles as co-chairman of the Access and Success Committee and as a member of the commission steering committee.

Tatar presently serves on the board of directors of Robbins & Myers Inc. and of the Bartech Group. He also serves on the advisory committee of Proudfoot Consulting Inc. Tatar also serves on the board of the Dayton Foundation, the Cancer Prevention Institute and the Nature Conservancy of Ohio.

Tatar holds a bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and Economics from Carnegie-Mellon University and a master of business administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio’s colleges and universities.

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