

Boards and Commissions

These are the organizations to which the Delaware County Board of Commissioners can appoint members of the public.

- 1. Delaware Area Transit Board/Delaware County Transit:** Responsible for the governance, management, administration and operation of the Delaware County Transit agency. The Commissioners appoint all seven members of the board to three-year terms. Appointees must be registered electors of Delaware County. No more than four appointees can be from the same political party. There are no limits on the number of terms that can be served.
- 2. Delaware City Airport Commission:** Makes recommendations to and advises the Delaware City Council and Delaware City Manager regarding the maintenance and operation of the Delaware Municipal Airport. The Commissioners recommend the appointment of one out of the seven commission members. This recommendation must be confirmed and the actual appointment made by the Delaware City Council. There are no residency requirements specified and the term of office is for three years. No term limits are specified.
- 3. Delaware County Board of Building Appeals:** Works with the Delaware County Code Compliance Department and other local jurisdictions to review residential appeals of decisions made by county building officials. Appointees must be residents of the unincorporated portion of county or the villages of Ashley, Ostrander, Galena or Shawnee Hills. The preferred composition of the board includes: one registered architect, one registered engineer, one contractor, one real-estate person, one representative of the public-at-large. Terms are for five years and a member can serve no more than two consecutive full terms. The Commissioners appoint all five members of the board.
- 4. Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities:** Develop and approve policies for the programs and services provided by this agency. The Commissioners appoint 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 Delaware County and demonstrably interested and knowledgeable in the field of developmental disabilities and related fields. Individuals and family members of individuals receiving services from the Board are eligible to apply. Individuals who have professional training and experience in business management, finance, law, health care practice, personnel administration or government service are encouraged to apply.
- 5. Delaware County Board of Zoning Appeals:** Works with the Delaware County Code Compliance Department and other local jurisdictions to review zoning decisions made by local officials and to grant conditional zoning certificates. Appointees must be residents of Marlboro, Radnor or Thompson townships.

There are no limits to how many members can reside in the same township. Terms are for five years and there are no term limits. The Commissioners appoint all five members of the board and can appoint up to two alternate members.

6. **Delaware County Community Corrections Planning Board:** Adopts and revises a comprehensive plan for the operation of correction services with Delaware County. The Commissioners appoint the two at-large members of the board who are required by statute to be members of the largest racial minority in the county, as defined by the last U.S. Census. Currently that minority group is Asian. Terms are for two years and there are no term limits or residency requirements.
7. **Delaware County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board:** Establishes goals and policies and evaluates operations for the county's tourism bureau, which does business as Destination Delaware County Ohio. The Commissioners appoint one member to this board to a three-year term; All other members, up to 15 total, are representatives of county organizations and industry sectors. A member can serve up to six consecutive years. There are no residency requirements.
8. **Delaware County District Library Board:** Establishes goals and policies and evaluates operations for the Delaware County District Library. The Commissioners appoint four of the board's seven members; the other three members are appointed by county judges. Each member serves a seven-year term and there are no term limits. Appointees must be qualified electors of this library district.
9. **Delaware County Finance Authority Board:** The Finance Authority is a political subdivision created by the Commissioners to assist in economic development and job creation endeavors, and is able to issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds for eligible public and private projects. The Commissioners appoint all seven members of the board, who serve four-year terms. Appointees can be qualified electors of the county, or they can be employees or owners of a business within the county. They should have demonstrable interest and expertise in matters concerning public finance and economic development. There are no term limits.
10. **Delaware County Job & Family Services Community Planning Committee:** This committee serves as an advisory body to the Commissioners and the director of the Job & Family Services Department on matters concerning family services in the county. Most members are representatives appointed by local public or nonprofit agencies. The Commissioners appoint up to two appointed members as at-large representatives of the public. Terms are three years and these appointed members are limited to two full terms. There are no residency requirements.

11. **Delaware County Law Library Resource Board:** This board provides oversight of legal research, reference and library services to the county and municipal corporations, townships and courts within Delaware County. It also oversees the management of the coordination, acquisition and utilization of legal resources. 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 Delaware County. The Commissioners' appointees are not required to be attorneys. There are no term limits.
12. **Delaware County Public Defender Commission:** 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 Commissioners appoint three of the commission's five members to four-year terms. At least one of their appointees must be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio. There are no residency requirements and there are no term limits.
13. **Delaware County Rural Zoning Commission:** Works with the Delaware County Code Compliance Department and other local jurisdictions to prepare zoning resolutions and amendments and make formal recommendations on all amendments. Appointees must be residents of Marlboro, Radnor or Thompson townships. Terms are for five years and there are no term limits. The Commissioners appoint all five members of the board and can appoint up to two alternate members.
14. **Delaware Metropolitan Housing Authority:** Members of the Authority participate in evaluations, planning efforts and budgeting. The Authority works with Delaware County's Code Compliance Department and other local agencies to develop safe, affordable housing in the county. The Commissioners appoint one of the Authority's five members to a five-year term with no term limits. Appointees must be residents of the city of Delaware or of Radnor Township.
15. **Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board:** Members of this board evaluate and monitor all programs and services provided under contractual commitments and help secure local financial support from public and private resources. The Commissioners appoint seven of the board's 14 members. Their appointees must be residents of Delaware County with a demonstrable interest and expertise in mental health and alcohol/drug addiction services. Members are appointed to four-year terms and they cannot serve more than two consecutive terms under the same appointing authority.

16. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission: Appointees represent the county's best interests in working with this organization that is devoted to matters of transportation, energy, housing, land use, the environment and economic prosperity in the region. The Commissioners appoint four members to three-year terms. There are no term limits and no residency requirements.

17. West Central Community Correctional Facility Governing Board: Oversees management of the West Central Community Correctional Facility. This appointment is shared with Morrow County. The appointee serves a three-year term and there are no term limits. There also are no residency requirements.

Community Authorities

Community Authorities and New Community Authorities are public bodies governed by a board of trustees that may oversee, coordinate, construct and finance public infrastructure improvements and community facilities. At their creation, the Commissioners appoint one local government representative and up to three citizen members. The developer for a district can appoint up to three representatives. Over time, as the resident population of a district grows, appointed trustee positions are replaced by elected trustees. The term of office is two years and there are no term limits or residency requirements.

1. Berkshire Landing New Community Authority
2. Berlin Meadows New Community Authority
3. Concord-Scioto Community Authority
4. Evans Farm New Community Authority
5. Liberty Grand New Community Authority
6. Millstone Community Authority
7. The Northstar New Community Authority