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Patrick Losinski
CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library
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Since 2002, Patrick Losinski has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. CML has 23 locations and an operations center with 880 employees and an annual operating budget of \$80M. Most recently, Losinski is helping lead a \$300M capital improvement plan for 20 new or remodeled library buildings.

CML received the Institute for Museum and Library Services National Medal in 2011 and was named Library Journal's National Library of the Year in 2010. Losinski is the past chair of the Urban Libraries Council's Governing Board and a former Governing Board member of the International Federation of Library Associations headquartered in The Hague.

Prior to joining CML, Losinski worked for public library systems in Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio.

Losinski has a Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.



Matthew D. Besser
Principal, Bolek Besser Glesius
BOLEKBESSER

Matthew D. Besser is the Managing Principal at Bolek Besser Glesius in Cleveland, where he represents individuals in civil rights and employment discrimination cases. He also serves in a volunteer capacity as General Counsel of the ACLU of Ohio.

In June, Besser was sworn in as President-Elect of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and next year will become the first civil rights lawyer to serve as CMBA President.

Besser received his Bachelor's Degree in History from George Washington University and his Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



David E. Weaver Executive Director, Ohioana Library Association DWEAVER52 OHIOANA

David Weaver became Executive Director in 2013 after serving as Ohioana's Development Director since 2005. The Ohioana Library, which David leads, has promoted and celebrated Ohio books and authors since 1929.

Previously, he held senior development positions with the WOSU Stations and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. He also served as executive director of Malabar Farm Foundation and managing director of Columbus Light Opera, which he co-founded.

Weaver attended The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati, majoring in voice.

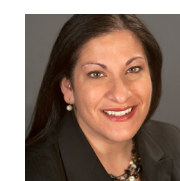


Felton Thomas, Jr.
Executive Director and CEO, Cleveland Public Library
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Felton Thomas, Jr. was appointed Director of the Cleveland Public Library in January 2009. Since then, he has positioned CPL as a community deficit fighter and launched initiatives aimed at addressing community needs in the areas of technology, education, and economic development.

Prior to joining CPL, Thomas worked with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. He was a fellow in the Urban Library Council's Executive Leadership Institute and he is a past President of the Public Library Association.

Thomas earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from The University of Nevada-Las Vegas and his Master's Degree in Library Science from The University of Hawaii.



Michelle Francis
Executive Director of the Ohio Library Council
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Michelle Francis is the Executive Director of the Ohio Library Council, the professional association that represents Ohio's 251 public library systems, including their administrators and staffs, trustees, and Friends groups.

Francis is responsible for working with the OLC Board of Directors to establish and execute the strategic direction of the organization and the day-to-day direction and management of its 10-member staff.

Prior to becoming the Executive Director, she served as the OLC's Director of Government and Legal Services.

Francis holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Morehead State University and a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School.

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CTV, Columbus Television, airs CMC Forums on Spectrum Channel 1024, WOW Channel 3, and AT&T Channel 99. You can also watch CTV over the air on WCIZ Channel 22.4.

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For Ticket info, visit columbusmetroclub.org or call 614.464.3220

AUGUST 2, 2023

Reimagining Education in Ohio

Featuring **Susan Tave Zelman, Ph.D.**, Former Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Co-Author of "The Buying and Selling of American Education: Reimagining a System of Schools", **Angela Chapman, Ed.D.**, Superintendent/CEO, Columbus City Schools, and **Scott DiMauro**, President, Ohio Education Association, with host **Jackie Walker**, Executive Director, SkillsUSA Ohio.



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

More Wetlands, Less Runoff, and Clean Water for All

Featuring **Anne Vogel**, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, **Mary Mertz**, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, **Brian Baldrige**, Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture, and **Natalie Fahmy**, Ohio Statehouse Reporter, WCMH NBC4.



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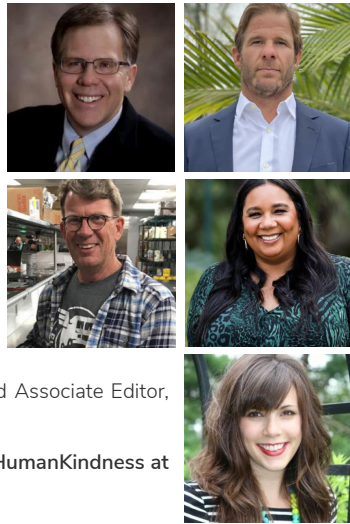


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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

Ghost Kitchens, Virtual Restaurants, & Delivery Apps: How Tech is Disrupting Dining

Featuring **John Barker**, President & CEO, The Ohio Restaurant Association, **Bennett Goldberg**, Partner, Maker Kitchens, **Chris Baggott**, Co-Founder and CEO, ClusterTruck, and **Lisa A. Gutierrez**, Founder and CEO, Dos Hermanos Taco Truck, Founder and Food-Based Business Coach, Food Truck Millionaire, with host **Susan Post**, Editor, The Metropreneur, and Associate Editor, Columbus Underground.



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

Black Mothers Matter: Combatting the Maternal Mortality Epidemic

Optimal Health Series

Featuring **Erica Crawley**, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and **Jatu Boikai**, Nurse Manager, Maternity Services, Mount Carmel Health System, with additional panelists to be announced.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 Affirmative Action At The Crossroads

Featuring **Ankit Shah**, Supervisor, Talent Development, Columbus State Community College, with host **Sherrice Sledge-Thomas**, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and additional panelists to be announced.

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