



Cleveland State University



TARAS (TERRY) G. SZMAGALA, JR. was appointed to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees on May 23, 2025 by Governor Mike DeWine for a term ending May 1, 2034.

Mr. Szmagala has a successful career in law, and recently retired from Eaton, a global intelligent power management company. He served as executive vice president and chief legal officer to Eaton's executive management team and its Board of Directors, and led the company's global legal organization, including the Corporate Governance and Compliance functions.

He joined Eaton in 2007 as chief counsel for the Fluid Power Group. In 2009, he transitioned to the role of vice president and chief counsel of the Industrial Sector and later served as senior vice president, deputy general counsel for Eaton. In 2015, Mr. Szmagala was named senior vice president, Public and Community Affairs and Corporate Communications. In this capacity, he was responsible for representing Eaton with governments at the federal, state and local levels and had oversight of the company's community involvement and corporate contributions programs.

Prior to joining Eaton, Mr. Szmagala worked as group counsel with Avery Dennison Corporation and as an attorney with Squire Patton Boggs in its Cleveland, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and Kyiv, Ukraine offices.

Mr. Szmagala has served in leadership roles in many community organizations including United Way of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Public Market Corporation, Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation, Senate, Ukrainian Catholic University, and the Board of Regents, St. Ignatius High School.

Mr. Szmagala holds a B.A. degree from the University of Virginia and a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.