



Cleveland State University



JOSEPH D. ROMAN was reappointed to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees as a Community Board Member on March 23, 2018 for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

Mr. Roman is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), one of the nation's largest metropolitan chambers of commerce with more than 8,000 members. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors of more than 70 CEOs and business owners who lead small, mid-sized, and the largest companies in Northeast Ohio, as well as the region's major health care and educational organizations.

GCP's areas of focus include preserving competitive air service at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; helping to reform the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and public education in the city; and continuing to support the development of Cleveland's downtown business district, lakefront and other major projects throughout the region. In addition, the organization works through its small business division, the Council of Smaller Enterprises, to support small business growth.

Roman previously served as executive director of Cleveland Tomorrow, an organization that was committed to pursuing projects and initiatives that were fundamental to the long-term economic vitality of the region. During his tenure, Cleveland Tomorrow was recognized by Harvard Business School as one of the most innovative and successful regional business organizations in the country. Roman also helped to found critical economic development organizations in the region such as BioEnterprise, JumpStart, and the Cleveland Plus Marketing Alliance.

Earlier in his career, Roman worked on Capitol Hill as both a congressional staff person and as a lobbyist for manufacturing trade associations. He has a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

His board memberships include the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, MAGNET, BioEnterprise, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Team NEO, and Cleveland Development Advisors, an affiliate real estate investment fund of the GCP. He served as vice president of the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee for the Republican National Convention and immediate past chair of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.