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PORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Robert Fisher joins development authority board

CINCINNATI, Ohio – The Board of Directors of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority is pleased to announce that Robert Fisher has joined the board.

Fisher is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Washing Systems LLC, a leading provider of specialty chemicals and related products to the industrial uniform and linen rental markets. He has held that position for the past 13 years.

Fisher was appointed to the Port Authority Board on February 11, 2015, by Hamilton County Commissioners to fill a position vacated by Tom Williams, president & CEO of North American Properties.

In 2013, Fisher joined Build Our New Bridge Now Coalition as co-chair. He is a founding member of Cincinnati Regional Business Committee; serves on the boards of Friends of the Jewish Chapel, United States Naval Academy; and West Chester Holdings LLC. He serves as Vice Chairman of Cedar Village Retirement Community; and is a long-time member of YPO/WPO.

The Port Authority is governed by business and community leaders that comprise its Board of Directors. Board members are unpaid volunteers and number 10; five of whom are appointed by the Mayor of Cincinnati and five by the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners. Port Authority officers are Lynn Marmer, Chairperson; Lydia Jacobs-Horton, Vice Chairperson; Laura N. Brunner, Secretary; and Christopher Recht, Assistant Secretary.

At the Port Authority's February board meeting, Marmer was re-elected Chairperson and Jacobs-Horton was elected Vice Chairperson. Jacobs-Horton is a Port Authority Board Member since 2009. She is Director, Global Facilities & Real Estate, Procter & Gamble Global Business Services.

“With Bobby Fisher’s appointment, our board has a full complement of civic volunteers to guide its policy decisions,” according to Marmer, Group Vice President for Corporate Affairs for the Kroger Co. “We welcome Mr. Fisher and his broad range of community leadership roles and his experience as a mid-size business leader.”

The board in 2015 has considered and approved four resolutions pertaining to board officer appointment; annual budget; application for grant funding through Ohio Development Services Agency; and establishment of a common bond fund in cooperation with the Dayton Port to expand options for companies with financing needs.

About the Port Authority:

The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority was formed in 2000 to stimulate growth of the regional economy. The Port Authority is an independent economic development agency that focuses on initiating projects that will increase jobs and increase productive value of land through collaborative and catalytic investment. For additional information, please visit <http://www.cincinnatiport.org>.