



Business Advocacy Council

**Westerville Area Chamber Office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082
Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 3:30-4:45 PM**

Attendees: Laura Hartman, Brandon Lawson, Michael McGreevy, Mary Collins, Adam Price, Dina Schultz, Matthew Tway, Jeannie Mok, Rachel Lamaster

Staff member: Janet Tressler-Davis

Welcome- Introductions – Laura Hartman

Member of Teams

- Business Regulations – Janis - NA
- Healthcare - Andy H. - NA
- Taxation/Worker's Comp. – Brandon – Trump tax cuts will be expiring in '25
- Workforce: WorkWISE - Janet/Gene
 - They will host another Internship Presentation on 2nd Weds. in November.
 - The minimum wage in Ohio is scheduled to increase to \$10.70 per hour for non-tipped employees on Jan. 1, 2025, and \$5.35 per hour for tipped employees.
 - The minimum wage will apply to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$394,000 per year.
- Levy Announcement was sent to members in an email on 10/1/24
- Ohio Chamber Small Business Council Meeting- Laura/Janis
 - Explanation of Impacts of Recreational Marijuana on Employment Law
 - Presentation can be viewed [here](#)
 - Any concerns as an Ohio Small Business, Laura or Janis can bring to OSBC

State District Maps Presentation - Rick Carfagna, SVP Ohio Chamber

- Explanation of change from 2024-2025
- Explanation of Ohio Chambers' opposition to Issue 1
 - Rick's Presentation can [viewed here](#). However, it might be confusing without his explanation. Additionally, some of the maps are difficult to read.
 - Please note these changes to his presentation: District 16 (slide 22) will be represented by either Beth Liston or Besa Sharrah- whoever wins the election.
 - Michele Reynolds' new District 3 will go south and wind around southern Franklin County; she will no longer have any of Westerville.
- If you want to review maps for a specific area of Ohio, you can also visit the Secretary of State's [website](#).

Future Meetings:

- Due to Election Day, we will not have a November BAC meeting
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3rd
- If you have any meeting topic suggestions, please share them.
- Meetings: The Business Advocacy Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month

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