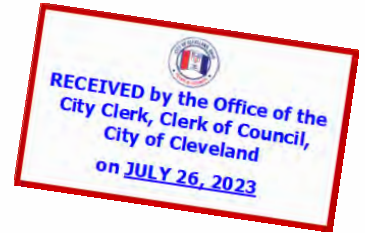




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July 26, 2023

Honorable Blaine Griffin
President, Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

Honorable Joseph Jones
Chair, Mayor's Appointment Committee
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Council President Griffin & Chair Jones

Included below are the Mayor's nominations to be considered at an upcoming meeting of Cleveland City Council's Mayor's Appointment Committee. New appointments are noted accordingly.

City Planning Commission

- Lillian Kuri – Reappointment, Term Ending 8/01/2029
- August Fluker – Reappointment, Term Ending 8/01/2029

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216) 664-3544 or via email at rpunkte@clevelandoh.gov.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Bibb
Mayor, City of Cleveland

LILLIAN A. KURI

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FOUNDATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE + CIVIC LEADER

Accomplished C-suite leader and strategist with more than 25 years of experience in philanthropy, management and operations, social impact investing, inclusive economic development, community engagement and equitable placekeeping and placebuilding. Results driven, hard-working leader that proactively leverages all aspects of the enterprise to positively impact people, the community, and the organization. Known as an innovator and coalition builder who develops strategic initiatives with transformational results. Track-record of success building and developing high-performing, inclusive teams, fostering a team-centric culture, and influencing across multiple groups of stakeholders.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT & CEO, CLEVELAND FOUNDATION

(August 1, 2023 to present)

Previous Leadership Roles:

- Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (2021 - 2023)
- Senior Vice President for Strategy, Executive Team (2019-2021)
- Vice President, Grantmaking Team - Strategic Initiatives, Arts & Urban Design (2016-2019)
- Program Director, Grantmaking Team - Arts, Architecture & Urban Design (2007-2016)
- Consultant, Full-time (2005-2007)

Select Responsibilities + Accomplishments:

- Leads the Executive Team and all aspects of the Cleveland Foundation
- Currently serves as the interim head of the grantmaking department (2023). Served as interim head of the fundraising department (2022) and the marketing and communications department (2021) during leadership transitions.
- Led the development of the Foundation's new strategic plan together with the Board of Directors and staff (2020-2023)
- Spearheads the Foundation's \$100 M transformative move of their headquarters to MidTown/ Hough. Including: the inclusive & equitable district planning and engagement, land acquisition, HQ design, development of a \$33M second building (the MidTown Collaboration Center), building execution, change management, and operations.
- Co-lead's the Foundation's \$350M Social Impact Investing Strategy & Board Committee - a portfolio of investments including mission related investments (MRI's), program related investments (PRI's) and recoverable grants
- Serves as a catalyst in attracting local and national partners, private foundations, government funding and donors to numerous initiatives.
- Joined the Foundation in 2005, as a consultant, to develop and execute a comprehensive strategy for one of the Foundation's strategic initiatives: the revitalization of the Greater University Circle – now one of the nation's leading comprehensive anchor institution development strategies. This initiative places equity and sustainability at its core through the integration of cross-cutting issues such as transportation, mixed-use development (award-winning Uptown Development), housing, education, community health, and economic inclusion (Buy Local & Evergreen Coops)
- As the VP for Strategic Grantmaking, Arts & Urban Design, developed and managed the Foundation's arts mastery initiative, which brings year-round, rigorous, mastery-based programs in dance, theater, music, and visual arts to over 3,000 underserved children annually. Managed the Foundation's International Residency program - Creative Fusion

CLEVELAND PLANNING COMMISSION, Cleveland, Ohio

2007 – Present

CHAIR, PLANNING COMMISSION January 2022 – present | *Vice-Chair, 2016-2021*

Appointed by Mayor Justin M. Bibb as the Chair of the Cleveland Planning Commission - the first woman to serve as the Chair in the city's 226-year history. Originally, appointed by Mayor Jane Campbell & reappointed by Mayor Frank Jackson

CLEVELAND PUBLIC ART (now LAND Studio), Cleveland, Ohio 2000 – 2004
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Managed the vision, strategy and all aspects of the organization including fundraising, programing, board management, staffing, and operations. Select achievements include: the design and execution of the \$4M Detroit Superior Bridge Promenade Project | The artistic illumination of the Cleveland Trust Building | Two civic forums for the Cleveland Museum of Art’s expansion project with Architect Rafael Viñoly that included over 1000 attendees in both forums | The installation of three Louise Bourgeois Spiders in Playhouse Square

CITY OF CLEVELAND, Cleveland Ohio 1998 –2000
PROJECT MANAGER: Cleveland’s Citywide Plan: Civic Vision 2010 under Mayor Michael R. White

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge Massachusetts 1996-1998
PROJECT COORDINATOR: Developed an international conference, exhibition, and book at Harvard University. Included travel to Beirut and Greece for project development and gathering archival materials. Publication Title: *Projecting Beirut: Episodes in the Construction and Reconstruction of the Modern City*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Adjunct Professor at the Boston Architectural Center, 1995 & 1996 (Boston, MA) | Urban Design Instructor at the Harvard University’s Career Discovery Program, 1996 (Cambridge, MA) | Fellowship with the Boston Parks Department, 1996 (Boston, MA)

EDUCATION | PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Graduate School of Design 1996
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE in URBAN DESIGN (MAUD)
Academic Honors: Recognized with Distinction for: *Open City: Rebuilding Downtown Beirut’s Waterfront Project*

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, College Architecture and Environmental Design
BACHELOR of ARCHITECTURE (BA) & BACHELOR of SCIENCE (BS) 1994
o Florence, Italy (study abroad) at the Dante Alighieri School 1992
o Lugano, Switzerland (study abroad) with the Southern California Institute of Architecture 1992

WEATHERHEAD SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, Case Western Reserve University 1999, 2001
MBA Coursework: Financial and Managerial Accounting | Economics for Management | Management Assessment & Development | Strategic Issues and Applications for Business

REGISTERED ARCHITECT | State of Ohio 2005
LEED AP | Professional Accreditation in Sustainable Development from the US Green Building Coalition 2007
RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE | Groundwater Training | Phase 1 Training 2019, 2020

AWARDS | HONORS | PUBLIC SERVICE

HONORS: Named to Crain’s Cleveland Business Power 150 in 2022 | Named one of 12 People to Watch in Business in 2022 by the Cleveland Business Journal | One of Cleveland Magazine’s Most Interesting People | Crain’s 40 under 40, 2002 | Western Reserve Academy “Knight Fellow” 2012 & Waring Prize Awardee 2022 | Named 1 of 3 “Female Architects are Shaping Cleveland” 2020 by Cleveland Magazine



August L. Fluker retired in July 2021, following a 36-year career in architecture as principal at the Cleveland-based firm City Architecture. He has served as Principal/Managing Member at Fluker Consulting LLC since its inception in August 2021.

In Cleveland, as well as state-wide, Mr. Fluker has been recognized for his leadership and achievements. In 2009, he was appointed to the Board of Architects by Governor Ted Strickland. He has served on the city of Cleveland's Planning Commission since 2018.

Mr. Fluker serves as board member of the Partnership for Safer Cleveland, Cleveland Institute of Art, Baseball Heritage Museum, and New Village Corporation.

Prior to forming Fluker Consulting LLC, Mr. Fluker was responsible for client contact, project management, and the administration and production of projects at City Architecture for 26 years. His experience and involvement range from large institutional projects to intimate storefront projects, and complex public transportation and infrastructure efforts.

Mr. Fluker has dedicated the next chapter of his life to focus on people, context, and intentionality. His philosophy is to: **Lead now. Steward critical conversations that promote responsive and responsible planning and design.** One of the best parts about collaborating with Mr. Fluker is his dedication to teaching. His devotion to helping people around him be better is achieved in his own, unique way. Integrity is at his core in everything he does. His sense of humor, personal stories, and honest sharing collectively emphasize his knowledge while making friends and instilling confidence in

those who work with him. **He challenges the people and processes around him, challenging them to be better, to be more inquisitive and to be bold.**

One of Mr. Fluker's first steps in his new role included serving as a coach for the first two cohorts of the Community Development Corporation Leadership Program, through the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation. **He always starts by asking: How do you change a place?**

HONORS & INVOLVEMENTS

- Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio Board of Directors, 2021 – Present
- City of Cleveland Planning Commission, Member, 2018 – Present
- New Village Corporation, Board Member, 2017 – Present
- Baseball Heritage Museum, Board Member, 2017 – Present
- Partnership for a Safer Cleveland, Board Member, 2007 – Present
- Anderson Center for Accessible Living Program Committee
- American Institute of Architects (AIA), Public Outreach Advisory Council, 2017 - 2020
- Cleveland Restoration Society, Board Member, 2019 – 2022
- St. Clair Superior Development Corporation Board Chairman, 2022 – 2023

EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION

- Miami University
 - Bachelor of Environmental Design (1985)
 - Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Registered Architect
 - State of Ohio
- LEED Accredited Professional

PROJECTS AS OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE

- Innovation Square I, Cleveland, Ohio
- The Centennial, Cleveland, Ohio
- East Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

VISION

ARCHITECTED, SYSTEMIC EQUITY.

MISSION

LEAD NOW. STEWARD CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS THAT PROMOTE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE PLANNING AND DESIGN.

CORE VALUES

RECEIVE & GIVE:

LISTEN, LEARN, OFFER CONTEXT FOR NECESSARY CONVERSATIONS, BELIEF IN PEOPLE

ELEVATE & ADVANCE:

CHALLENGE, SERVE, REACH BACK, FOSTER EMPOWERED VOICES, PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES