

City of Columbus Plan Commission Membership (updated 2.12.2025)

See Also: IC 36-7-4-207(a)

| Member | Appointment | Expiration (1) | Requirements |
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| Melanie Henderson | Board of Works | 2027 | Board of Works member or designated representative. |
| Zack Ellison (D) | Board of County Commissioners | 2029 | The 2 appointments may not be of the same political party. Must (1) be a resident of the 2-mile area or (2) be a resident of the county and a property owner in the 2-mile area, but 1 must live in the 2-mile area. |
| Evan Kleinhenz (R) | | 2027 | |
| Andrew Beckort | City Engineer | Not Applicable | City Engineer or qualified assistant. |
| Laura Garrett (I) Secretary / Hearing Examiner | Mayor | 2027 | No more than 3 of the 5 mayoral appointments may be of the same political party. Must (1) be a resident of the jurisdiction or (2) be a resident of the county and a property owner in the jurisdiction. A majority must be residents of the jurisdiction. |
| Keerthi Alapati (N/A) | | 2027 | |
| Michael Kinder (I) President | | 2028 | |
| Whitney Koelling (I) | | 2029 | |
| Dennis Baute (D) Vice-President / County Liaison | | 2026 | |
| Dave Bush | Park Board | Consistent with Term of Office (2) | Park Board member. |
| Chris Bartels | City Council | Consistent with Term of Office (2) | City Council member. |
| Tom Finke Liaison from Bartholomew County | County Plan Commission | Annually | Member of the County Plan Commission. |

(1) All citizen members shall serve 4-year terms that expire the first Monday of January of the applicable year per IC 36-7-4-218.

(2) Members serve on the Commission consistent with their Board or Council term of office, unless a replacement is appointed per IC 36-7-4-217.