



# Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation

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## **The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation (OLBCF) Names Shayla L. Davis as President & CEO**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO** - The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation (OLBCF) is proud to announce the selection of former State Representative Shayla L. Davis as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. In this critical leadership role, Davis will steer OLBCF into its next phase of impact, carrying forward the organization's rich legacy and advancing its mission to empower and uplift Ohio's Black community.

Shayla L. Davis is a dedicated leader with an outstanding history of public service commitment, extensive expertise in policy development, and a deep devotion to furthering and advancing the Black community of Ohio. As a native of Garfield Heights, Ohio, Davis previously served as a member of Garfield Heights City Council.

"The OLBCF board was greatly impressed by Shayla's vision, commitment, and qualifications. We firmly believe Shayla is the perfect leader to guide OLBCF into the future, following the extraordinary work of Barbara Sykes," stated Derrick Clay, OLBCF's Board Chair. "Shayla's experience will serve us well as our new President & CEO," continued Clay.

"I am thrilled for Shayla and wish her all the very best", said Barbara Sykes as she prepares to pass the baton to Ms. Davis.

Davis will replace Barbara Sykes, President & CEO who has resigned effective October 31, 2023. Under her guidance, OLBCF is committed to continuing its impactful programs, expanding partnerships with like-minded organizations, and pursuing ambitious initiatives aimed at empowering Ohio's Black community for years to come.

OLBCF expresses its deepest gratitude to Barbara Sykes for her remarkable contributions to the organization during her tenure, and she will continue to serve as a valued advisor to the board.

### **About OLBCF:**

The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation (OLBCF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to empowering Ohio's Black community through educational research, community leadership development, public policy advocacy, analysis of socio-economic issues, and the promotion of diversity and inclusion in both the public and private sectors.

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