



OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Impact Ohio: Exploring Property Tax Reform November 19th at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Office

9:30am – Welcome Remarks

9:45am – Navigating Reform: Evaluating Ohio’s Property Tax Proposals and Pathways Forward

Ohio’s property tax system is facing one of its most active reform periods in decades. Between legislative changes emerging from the Statehouse—including measures passed, proposed, and subject to veto overrides—and recommendations from the governor’s property tax working group, the state’s fiscal framework could be on the verge of major transformation. Speakers will analyze the potential impacts, benefits, and challenges of these proposals, offering insights into their implications for homeowners, local governments, and the state economy.

Moderator: Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor

- **Jeff Wensing, President, Ohio Education Association**
- **Scott Williams, CEO, Ohio REALTORS**
- **State Representative David Thomas**
- **State Representative Daniel Troy**

10:45am – Networking Break

11:00am - Rethinking the Foundation — Building a Smarter Future for Ohio’s Property Tax and Funding Systems

Ohio’s system of property taxation and local government funding is the backbone of our schools, safety services, and community infrastructure — but it’s also one of the most complex and often criticized parts of our public finance structure. As costs rise and local governments struggle to balance budgets, many agree that the current framework is due for reimagining. This panel takes an aspirational look at what a better system could be. What would an ideal property tax and funding model look like if we were designing it from scratch today? How do other states balance local control, taxpayer fairness, and sustainable revenue in ways Ohio could learn from? And if we had the courage and political will to transform Ohio’s system for the next generation — what guiding principles should lead that change?

Moderator: Gary Scherer, Pickaway County Commissioner

- **Tom Zaino, Zaino Hall & Farrin LLC**
- **Ilana Blumsack, Economic Policy Analyst, Americans for Prosperity**
- **Zach Schiller, Research Director, Policy Matters Ohio**
- **State Senator Louis Blessing, III**
- **Mayor Christina Muryn, Mayors Alliance**

12:00pm – Networking Break/Grab Lunches

12:15pm – Keynote Speaker: Fred Nicely, Senior Tax Counsel, Council on State Taxation

1:00pm – Conclude