



Cleveland State University



STEPHEN F. KIRK was appointed by Governor John R. Kasich on July 16, 2015 to serve on the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 2, 2014 and ending May 1, 2023. Prior to his appointment, he served on the Board of Trustees as a non-voting Community Member from June 2013 to June 2015 by virtue of his position as Chair of the Cleveland State University Foundation Board of Directors.

Mr. Kirk joined Cleveland State University as an Executive-in-Residence in the Monte Ahuja College of Business, following his retirement from Lubrizol in December 2011, where he enjoyed a 43-year career at the \$6 billion Fortune 500 Company (2010). He was elected Chief Operating Officer in 2008; prior to that, he served as President of Lubrizol Additives. He joined Lubrizol as a co-op/intern in 1968 and full-time in 1972, serving roles in engineering, sales and marketing, until being elected Corporate Vice President in 1993. Lubrizol was acquired by Berkshire Hathaway in 2011.

Mr. Kirk joined the Board of Directors of Ashland, Inc. (NYSE), a Fortune 500 specialty chemical company, in 2013. He is also on the Board of ICM Products, Inc., a privately owned supplier of specialty silicone polymers. He served on the Board of Directors of Robbins & Myers (NYSE), a supplier of equipment and systems for global energy and industrial markets from 2006 until its sale to National Oilwell Varco (NOV) in 2013. He is a director and Vice Chair of Vocational Guidance Service, a Cleveland non-profit agency which “helps prepare people with barriers to employment for a brighter future”, and a member of the Boy Scouts Greater Western Reserve Advisory Council. He was awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2010.

Mr. Kirk earned a bachelors and masters degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from Cleveland State University, and was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Business from CSU in 2007. He serves on the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Foundation Board (Chair), and the CSU Monte Ahuja College of Business Advisory Board (Chair from 2007-2012).

Steve and his wife Joanne reside in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.