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Antone White Named Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections

Antone White was named Director by the Franklin County Board of Elections today, effective January 4, 2021. He succeeds Edward Leonard who recently left the office to take an appointment with the newly elected Franklin County Prosecutor Gary Tyack.

Director White, a Democrat, will team with Deputy Director David Payne, a Republican, to administer elections in Franklin County where more than 880,000 voters are currently registered.

For more than a decade, Director White has been committed to public service having served in various senior administrative positions in both city and county government. In September of 2019, Director White was appointed Board of Elections Executive Assistant where he assisted the Director and Deputy Director with managing day-to-day board operations, administrative functions, and special projects.

From 2010 to 2019, Director White served as Director of Legal Operations in the office of Franklin County Clerk of Courts Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, the largest and busiest Clerk of Courts in the State of Ohio. In his capacity, he was responsible for managing the day-to-day business operations of multiple legal divisions providing direct leadership, oversight, and appraisal of all business and administration operations which included the annual processing of more than 100,000 court filings. From 2007 to 2010, Director White served as communications specialist and public safety spokesperson in the administration of former Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman.

A Columbus native, Director White is a graduate of Columbus City Schools. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University in 1998 and his Master of Business Administration from Franklin University in 2014. Director White is also a 2015 graduate of Leadership Columbus and a graduate of the Greater Columbus Tourism Ambassador program.

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