



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters

Purpose and Functions

- Advises the Columbus Consolidated Government on international concerns, interests, and relationships.
- Supports and advances the sister city relationship with Kiryu, Japan, and other sister city partnerships.
- Encourages additional international relationships and cultural exchanges.
- Promotes intercultural and international goodwill through social, cultural, educational, artistic, business, and governmental programs and activities.
- Serves as a connecting link among local groups and organizations representing diverse national and cultural communities.
- Assists with hosting international visitors to Columbus and coordinating visits by Columbus residents to other countries.
- Raises and accepts funds, gifts, and donations for CIRCLE activities, subject to approval of the Columbus Council.
- Submits an annual report to the Clerk of Council by February 1, summarizing activities and all financial transactions from the prior calendar year.

Legal References

 [Columbus Code, Article XVII, Sections 2-225 through 2-227](#)

Membership

- Composed of 12 members
- 4 members appointed by the Mayor
- 8 members appointed by the Columbus Council

Appointments & Terms

- Term length: 4 years
- Term limit: 2 terms

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
Mattie Hall	1	03/01/2026	Council		unk	yes
Mary Quiller	2	03/01/2027	Council		SD-15	
Mary Kathryn V. McCray	1	03/01/2027	Council		SD-15	
Natasha Banks	1	03/01/2027	Council		SD-15	
Inna Russell	1	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29	
Pythias “Pete” Temesgen	1	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29	
Chie Canady	2	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29	
Brandon Wilkins	1	03/01/2029	Council		SD-15	
VACANT	n/a	03/01/2026	Mayor		n/a	
Eric Spears	2	03/01/2027	Mayor		SD-29	
Aaron Guest	2	03/01/2028	Mayor		SD-29	
Merrill Rushin	2	03/02/2028	Mayor		SD-15	



Expiring Term



Vacant Seat