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Vacancy – Geauga County Public Defender Commission

Geauga County, OH, November 10, 2026:

Chardon, Ohio – The Geauga County Board of Commissioners is currently accepting applications to fill an unexpired term vacancy on the Geauga County Public Defender Commission. This appointment will be effective through October 3, 2027.

Interested individuals are requested to submit an application and resume to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 350, Chardon, OH 44024.

Applications for this Board are available online at the Geauga County Website:

bocc.geauga.oh.gov (under "Announcements")

The Geauga County Public Defender Commission is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Board of Commissioners and two by the presiding Judge. At least one member by each appointing body shall be an attorney admitted to practice law in the state of Ohio. The Public Defender Commission is responsible for appointing the County Public Defender, recommending an annual operating budget, determining staffing, and setting office requirements and operational needs.

The Geauga County Public Defender Commission holds quarterly meetings at the Public Defender's Office in Chardon.

Eligibility requirements include:

Must be a Licensed Attorney

The Commission position is voluntary and unpaid, so no compensation or benefits are received for serving. Applications and resumes will be accepted through December 4, 2026. Questions may be directed to the Board of County Commissioners' Office at 440-279-1660.

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