

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE



OHIO FACT OF THE WEEK

The city of Cleveland was founded by Connecticut-born Moses Cleaveland, who, in 1796, went to survey land claimed by the Connecticut Land Co. as part of the Western Reserve.

Although the city was originally named "Cleaveland," in the early 1930s the Cleveland Advertiser dropped the "a" in order to fit the name on its masthead, and the new spelling caught on.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD, 2023

- HOUSE & SENATE
SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES
(135TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

Happy
New Year

House and Senate Officially Adjourn

Both the Ohio House and Senate have officially adjourned sine die, concluding legislative activity for the 134th General Assembly.

The official swearing-in ceremonies for both chambers will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, and will officially begin the 135th Ohio General Assembly (2023-2024).

Vogel Tapped to Lead Ohio EPA

Governor DeWine announced Anne Vogel has been selected to replace outgoing Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Laurie Stevenson. Vogel serves as the Governor's policy director and has spent her career working on environmental and energy issues. Prior to joining the Administration, she served as senior counsel on federal regulatory issues for American Electric Power (AEP).

Auditor Clears Pension Fund of Illegal Activity

A special audit conducted by Ohio Auditor Keith Faber following a critical consultant report found no evidence of fraud or illegal activity on the part of the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). However, the findings included recommendations for increased investment transparency and disclosure policies.

STRS is one of the largest public pension funds in the United States with nearly \$100 billion in assets and serving 500,000 active and retired Ohio public educators.