

INDIANA FISCAL POLICY
INSTITUTE 2024 SPRING
POLICY SUMMIT

MORNING AGENDA



- 7:30 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
- 8:00 AM A PRIMER ON INDIANA'S ENERGY TRANSITION
Discussion Facilitated by Jacob Everett, Center for
Infrastructure and Economic Development. Panelists: Ryan
Hadley, Indiana Office of Energy Development; Marc Keyser,
Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO);
Luke Wilson, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- 9:00 AM INDIANA'S HYDROGEN HUB
Presented by Neil Banwart, Energy Systems Network
- 9:45 AM ELECTRIFICATION AND ITS IMPACT ON INDIANA INDUSTRY
Discussion Facilitated by Tony Davis, The Manufacturing
Institute. Panelists: Bryce Carpenter, Conexus Indiana;
Ranae Stewart, Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- 10:45 AM INDIANA'S TECHNOLOGY HUB
Presented by Trevor Foughty, Applied Research Institute
- 11:30 AM NETWORKING LUNCH



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AFTERNOON AGENDA

- 12:30 PM HOMELESSNESS AND HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS TO END IT
Discussion Facilitated by Rabbi Aaron Spiegel, Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance. Panelists: Jennifer Layton, LTHC Homeless Services; Matthew Rayburn, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority; Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Coalition for Homelessness Intervention & Prevention
- 1:40 PM MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING POLICY AND BEST PRACTICES FOR INDIANA
Discussion Facilitated by Aaron Laramore, Consept. Panelists: Sherry Seiwert, Indiana Finance Authority; Chris Watts, Indiana Association of REALTORS®
- 2:50 PM INNOVATIVE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS THAT WORK IN INDIANA
Discussion Facilitated by Jacob Sipe, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Panelists: Dr. Jim Braun, Purdue University; Ron Walker, CFC Properties/ Workforce Housing LLC; Jamal Smith, Indiana University Health
- 4:00 PM FINAL REMARKS
Stephanie Wells, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute

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SPEAKERS



NEIL BANWART - MANAGING DIRECTOR - HYDROGEN ECOSYSTEM ENERGY SYSTEMS NETWORK

Neil joined Energy Systems Network (ESN) in January 2023 as Managing Director. Prior to ESN, he spent nearly a decade at Cummins Inc. His most recent role at Cummins was Program Director in the New Power Segment, focused on maximizing the potential of the portfolio of investments in Hydrogen. Previously to that position, he worked in the Corporate Strategy area, identifying companies and technologies to acquire as part of the New Power Segment. He has held several M&A, Treasury, and finance roles in his career, including service as the CFO of a small private equity fund. Neil earned a Bachelor's in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MBA from Bradley University. He is a CFA Charterholder and serves on the Board of Directors of the CFA Society of Indianapolis as the immediate past president.



DR. JAMES BRAUN - PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, HERRICK PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR HIGH PERFORMING BUILDINGS

Jim Braun has over 45 years of experience in both university and industrial settings. He has worked as a development engineer for refrigeration equipment, a software developer for building and energy system simulation tools, a researcher and manager for the control systems software development, and a University Professor. Dr. Braun is currently the Herrick Professor of Engineering at Purdue University, Director of the Purdue Center for High Performance Buildings, and is a faculty of the Schools of Mechanical and Civil Engineering. His research combines the use of computer modeling, optimization, and experiments to study and improve the performance of building systems and related equipment. He has published over 500 papers with nearly 17,000 citations to his published works, co-authored a textbook, and has 8 patents with 3 additional patents in process. He has been PI or co-PI on over 120 research projects at Purdue with funding over \$50M. He is a fellow of both ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers) and IBPSA (International Building Performance Simulation Association). He recently received the F. Paul Anderson Award which is the highest honor given for technical achievement by ASHRAE. Previous award winners include Willis Carrier, widely considered to be the inventor of modern air-conditioning, and Ole Fanger, who developed our modern understanding of human thermal comfort.



SPEAKERS



**BRYCE CARPENTER - SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
OF INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT, CONEXUS
INDIANA**

As Senior Vice President of Industry Engagement for Conexus Indiana, Bryce leads the organization's robust network of over 130 industry, public-sector and higher education stakeholders as they identify and activate the most impactful projects for industry growth. Conexus has strong public sector partnerships with both the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Indiana Department of Transportation, that drive the growth of advanced manufacturing and logistics across the state. Bryce leads the Conexus transportation work, including sitting on the Executive Committee of the Joint Transportation Research Program alongside the Indiana Department of Transportation and Purdue University.

Bryce holds a similar role with the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, the parent organization, where he leads the economic development portfolio in partnership with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, focusing on in-state expansions, out of state attraction, international trade delegation management and conference and event engagement.

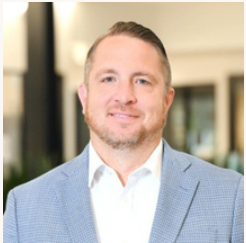


**TONY DAVIS - NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF FAME
USA, THE MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE**

Tony Davis is an enthusiastic advocate for workforce development and education, with a deep-rooted belief in the power of these fields to transform lives. Currently serving as the National Director for FAME USA at The Manufacturing Institute, he supports a network of more than forty programs across sixteen states, empowering the next generation of skilled workforce for the manufacturing sector. 450 employers are bridging the gap between industry needs and a well-equipped workforce using the FAME model while also providing amazing futures for each graduate. Beyond his role at FAME USA, Tony's dedication to education is evident in his eight-year tenure as President of his hometown local Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, he spearheaded initiatives to promote educational excellence and fostered a thriving learning environment for the community's youth. This included early childhood education initiatives, the "A+ Coalition" to support innovations in K12, starting the first comprehensive economic development entity, and the creation of GeauxFAME, the first such training program in Louisiana.



SPEAKERS



**JACOB EVERETT - INDIANA STATE DIRECTOR,
CENTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Jacob Everett established Corsa Strategies in 2022 in order to continue his work at the intersection of the public and private sectors. Corsa Strategies is an economic development and renewable energy policy consulting firm. Everett's deep understanding of both business and economic development creates successful results for clients across North America. Everett is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) accredited by the International Economic Development Council and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. He currently serves as a member of the Indiana Economic Development Association Legislative Committee and the Town of Cicero, Indiana Economic Development Committee.



**TREVOR FOUGHTY - VICE PRESIDENT OF
PUBLIC AFFAIRS, APPLIED RESEARCH
INSTITUTE**

Trevor Foughty serves as the Vice President of Public Affairs at the Applied Research Institute (ARI), a non-profit dedicated to catalyzing Indiana's tech economy through strategic partnerships with the state, academia, and industry. In addition to managing several programs for the Department of Defense through relationships at NSWC Crane, in 2023 ARI helped lead—and won—applications on behalf of the Governor's office and IEDC that brought three federal tech hubs to Indiana in the areas of microelectronics, biopharmaceutical manufacturing, and hydrogen energy production.

At ARI, Trevor oversees state and federal government relations, university partnerships, and workforce development, and he also supports the organization's communications and media relations strategies. In his role, he draws on a broad 20-year career in which he has worked for members of Congress in both Indiana and Washington, D.C.; worked for both the Indiana State Senate and the Indiana Department of Education; was the campaign manager for multiple successful statewide candidates, including Sen. Todd Young's 2016 U.S. Senate campaign; led communications for Gov. Mitch Daniels's political action committee; and led state government relations and served as the Chief Communications Officer for Indiana University.



SPEAKERS



**RYAN HADLEY - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
INDIANA OFFICE OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

Ryan Hadley is the Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Energy Development and the State's Chief Energy Officer. Appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on January 24, 2022, Ryan leads the OED in supporting the development of affordable and reliable energy solutions for Hoosiers through three main priorities: energy policy guidance to the executive branch, grant administration, and public education.

Prior to the Office of Energy Development, Ryan served as the Executive Director of External Affairs at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. In that capacity, he led the Commission's legislative, media, and stakeholder management strategies and advised the Commission on related issues. He also oversaw the Consumer Affairs Division, which provides dispute resolution services to customers and utilities. Additionally, he directed the disbursement strategy of the Underground Plant Protection Account fund, intended to raise awareness of Indiana's 811 Law and provide education on safe digging practices.

Ryan is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana located in Evansville. He and his family reside in Bargersville.



**CHELSEA HARING-COZZI - EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, COALITION FOR HOMELESSNESS
INTERVENTION & PREVENTION**

Dr. Chelsea Haring-Cozzi is a champion of collective impact, a compassionate leader, a lifelong learner, and an advocate for equitable systems change. She currently serves as the Executive Director for the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention & Prevention (CHIP), the backbone and lead agency for the Indianapolis Continuum of Care. Before joining CHIP, Chelsea worked in Community Impact with the United Way of Central Indiana focusing on issues of homelessness, mental health, and criminal justice reform and prior to that she was an Assistant Professor of Political & Justice Studies in Chicago, IL. Chelsea has dedicated her professional life engaging, researching, teaching, and advocating for inclusive and fair opportunities for all individuals, with a specific focus on social justice in housing, education, and the criminal justice system. She holds a master's degree in public administration (MPA) and a Ph.D. in public policy and political science from Michigan State University. Chelsea enjoys hiking, concert-going, brunching, discovering local coffee shops and breweries, and traveling.

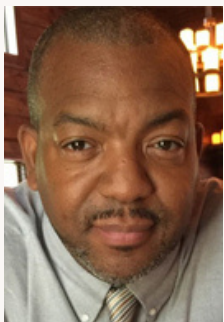


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MARC KEYSER - DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES AND CUSTOMER COORDINATION, MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR (MISO)

Marc Keyser is Director of Member Services and Customer Coordination, focused on delivering customer solutions both inside and outside the MISO footprint. Marc serves MISO through his broad, in-depth knowledge of MISO's operations and planning functions, and of the varying perspectives of MISO's members and stakeholders. During his seventeen years with MISO, he has held a diverse series of roles, including market engineering support, software development, market design, project management, leadership of customer support and stakeholder affairs functions, and management of several entity-wide programs. Prior to joining MISO, he spent five years in electric sourcing and transaction roles with Consumers Energy, a Michigan investor-owned utility. He holds MSE and BSE degrees from the nuclear engineering program at the University of Michigan.



AARON LARAMORE - MANAGING DIRECTOR, CONCEPT

Aaron Laramore is a community development finance professional with over 20 years of experience, Aaron is Managing Director of Consept, a community investment consultancy. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Consept works across the Midwest (IN, OH, MI, IL, KY). Consept specializes in organizational development, impact measurement and community development. Through a combination of advice, technical assistance, and underwriting expertise, Aaron's work has resulted in millions of dollars invested in transformational projects in distressed neighborhoods across the Midwest (Toledo, Detroit, & Indianapolis)

Aaron is a Denison University class of "88" alum and a 1993 graduate of the Ohio State College of Law. His civic and volunteer experience reflects his passions and professional interests. He is a former Midwestern Region Fathers Auxiliary Chair for Jack and Jill of America, and a member of the 16 Tech Community Investment Fund Advisory Board Aaron is married to his wife of 28 years, Philanthropic Strategist, Aimee Laramore, and father of three hybrid adults, Lydia, Noah and Andrew.



SPEAKERS



JENNIFER LAYTON - PRESIDENT AND CEO, LTHC HOMELESS SERVICES

Jennifer Layton has worked for LTHC Homeless Services, formally Lafayette Transitional Housing Center, for almost 30 years. She began her tenure after graduating from Ball State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree, majoring in Public Relations. Jennifer started as a Case Manager at LTHC thinking that the job would be relatively simple -- to help homeless families. But what began as a job has turned into a lifelong passion.

For the last 23 years, Jennifer has been the Executive Director, now President/CEO, of LTHC. She has overseen significant growth in the on-going effort to meet the changing needs of the homeless population of our community. During this time, the agency has grown from one program to seven, from serving nine families to helping over 182 families in 2023. Such programs include: Coordinated Entry, Day Resource Center, Night Shelter, Interim Housing, Health and Wellness Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Services for Veteran Families.

Under Jennifer's leadership, LTHC moved into the 24/7 Engagement Center in 2020. This was a \$14.2million project. As of 2024, LTHC operates 99 units of permanent supportive housing which include the 40-units at Union Place Apartments, 24-units each at Lincoln Center and Eighth Street Commons and 11 apartments for families at our Family Campus. We are on target to start construction later this year on another 40-unit complex known as Renewed Hope which will prioritize seniors and Veterans.

Jennifer is a member of the Region 4 Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Network and serves as the Chair of the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care Board of Directors, and Co-Chair of the Coordinated Entry Committee. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Greater Lafayette.

In addition, Jennifer is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Lafayette and serves on the local United Way Director's Association. In 2009, she received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the City of Lafayette and, in 2017, the Duke Energy Difference Maker Award. In early 2018, she was named the Women of Distinction through the YWCA Salute to Women and in 2019, received the Gary Henriott Community Impact award from the United Way.



SPEAKERS



**MATT RAYBURN - DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR & CHIEF REAL ESTATE
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, INDIANA HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Matt Rayburn joined the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) in 2007 and currently serves as Deputy Executive Director and Chief Real Estate Development Officer. In this role, he serves on IHCDA's executive leadership team and oversees the agency's Real Estate Development department which handles administration of the Low-income Housing Tax Credit, Multifamily Tax Exempt Bonds, Tax Credit Assistance Program, Affordable Workforce Housing Tax Credit, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, HOME-ARP, National Housing Trust Fund, Indiana Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund, Housing Choice Vouchers and related voucher programs, Section 811 Project Rental Assistance, Section 8 Performance Based Contract Administration, and Indiana Housing First programs as well as planning and training for the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute and other supportive housing initiatives. He is also the lead for IHCDA disaster recovery and is designated as the State of Indiana's Disaster Housing Manager responsible for working with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security on planning and recovery efforts. Matt previously worked on former IHCDA programs including Community Development Block Grants, Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery, and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and was involved in policy development for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Matt previously served as a board member and board chair for the National Association of Home Builders Housing Credit Certified Professional Board of Governors and now serves on that board's Technical Advisory Group. He also serves as chair of the Indianapolis Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee, a member of the Indiana Mental Health and Addiction Planning and Advisory Council, and as a Steering Committee member for the Back Home in Indiana Alliance, an organization dedicated to promoting affordable and accessible housing for persons with disabilities in Indiana.

Matt holds the HCCP, NCP-E, SCS, TCS, and TaCCs industry certifications and a B.A. in Political Science from Hanover College. Matt was honored to be awarded the 2020 Housing Credit Certified Professional Designee of the Year by the National Association of Homebuilders and to be named in the Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits as one of "the most influential people in affordable housing and community development in 2021."



SPEAKERS



**SHERRY SEIWERT - DIRECTOR OF
RESIDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND,
INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY**

Sherry Seiwert currently serves as the Program Director at the Indiana Finance Authority where she administers the Indiana Residential Infrastructure Fund. Prior to joining IFA, Sherry served nearly a decade as the President and CEO of Downtown Indy, Inc. (DII) a not-for-profit organization focused on developing, managing, and marketing Downtown Indianapolis. Before DII, Sherry served as the Director for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for the State of Indiana. During the past thirty-five years, Sherry has served in leadership roles including working as an administrator for the City of Indianapolis as well as Director for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Sherry currently serves on the boards of Horizon House, the Indianapolis Housing Agency and the Volunteers of America Indiana and Ohio.



**JACOB SIPE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INDIANA
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

Jake Sipe has devoted the past twenty-three years to serving the needs of families and individuals with low to moderate incomes in Indiana. Jake joined the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) in September 1999; he learned the ropes and advanced into positions of greater responsibility. In July of 2012, Jake was appointed Executive Director in January 2013. He is a graduate of Indiana University's School of Public Environmental Affairs and currently serves on the advisory council for LISC Indianapolis and is a board member of the Community Investment Fund of Indiana, Inc., Indiana Community Finance CDE, and National Council of State Housing Agencies.

As head of the Real Estate Department at IHCDA, Jake was responsible for administering the Section 42 Rental Housing Tax Credit Program, Federal programs such as HOME and CDBG, and State monies including Indiana's Housing Development Fund and Neighborhood Assistance Program. His prior responsibilities with IHCDA also include managing the Community Development and Multi-Family Departments. At the 2011 Indiana Statewide Conference on Housing and Community Economic Development, Jake was awarded the Michael Carroll Community Economic Development Leadership Award for his dedication to the advancement of affordable housing partnerships and production.



SPEAKERS



JAMAL SMITH - DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH

Jamal Smith currently serves as the Director of Government and External Affairs for IU Health – the largest and most comprehensive healthcare system in Indiana with 17 hospitals under its IU Health brand and more than 30,000 employees. In addition to his duties as the Director of Government and External Affairs for IU Health, Jamal is also the founder of The Lead Change Project (LCP); a non-profit 501(c)(3) that partners with urban schools to engage more students in sport and extra-curricular activity. Prior to founding The Lead Change Project, Jamal served the State of Indiana as Executive Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission; transitioning from his role as Governor Mitch Daniels’ Senior Advisor.

Over the past 20-years, Jamal’s professional experiences have included government affairs, marketing & business development, event management, as well as strategic community engagement. He has managed large teams of professionals, has overseen multi-million-dollar budgets, and led recruitment campaigns resulting in increases of more than 300%.

Jamal is recognized as a leader professionally as well as throughout the community. His board appointments include: Indiana Sports Corporation, Louis Stokes Midwest Regional Center of Excellence, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Chairman of Purdue Polytechnic High School, and the Near North Development Corporation (NNDC). Mr. Smith was also appointed by the Mayor of Indianapolis to Co-Chair the Your Life Matters (YLM) Taskforce initiative; an initiative aimed at identifying impediments to success for young people. In 2015, Jamal received Indiana Sports Corp’s Reverend Charles Williams Award, in recognition of his “Outstanding Service to Youth” and was also appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to serve as Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Minority and Women Business Enterprises. Also in 2015, the Fathers and Families Center presented Jamal with the Heart of a Father Award, and in January 2016, Governor Mike Pence presented Mr. Smith with the Sagamore of the Wabash – one of the highest honors the Governor of Indiana bestows.



SPEAKERS



**RABBI AARON SPIEGEL - PRESIDENT,
GREATER INDIANAPOLIS MULTIFAITH
ALLIANCE, INC.**

Rabbi Dr. Aaron Spiegel is the Executive Director/President, GIMA. The Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance gathers faith leaders representing diverse religious traditions into a sacred friendship, in order to collaborate on civic projects that serve the common good of greater Indianapolis, making our city a more equitable place.

Aaron was a founding director of the Center for Congregations, and architect and director of the Congregational Resource Guide. As a trans-denominational rabbi, his focus is helping congregations, nonprofits, and socially minded businesses implement high availability strategic plans and make positive social change.

After acting as Interim Executive Director for the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), he accepted the role of inaugural director of GIMA. Aaron is also the President of the Synagogue Studies Institute, collecting and interpreting data about synagogues for the American congregational landscape.

Aaron is an experienced leader and strategic planner in IT, nonprofit management, and digital marketing, as well as a consultant, published author, and seasoned public speaker.



**RANAE STEWART - SENIOR EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, PURDUE MANUFACTURING
EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP**

Ranae is Senior Executive Director of Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). For over a decade, Ranae has been an integral member of the Center bringing exceptional leadership and dedication to the organization's success as one of the highest-performing MEP Centers in the nation. Since joining Purdue MEP, Ranae has held several roles in the organization, allowing her to play a pivotal role in driving major milestones, particularly in the areas of workforce development, strategic partnerships, advocacy, and marketing.



SPEAKERS



RON WALKER - PRESIDENT, CFC PROPERTIES/ PRESIDENT, WORKFORCE HOUSING, LLC

Ron Walker serves as President of CFC Properties, a Cook Group property development and management company specializing in historically and architecturally significant structures. He also serves as President of Workforce Housing LLC, a recently developed Cook Group company created to address the lack of workforce housing for Cook employees in communities across south-central Indiana. Cook Group is a family company founded in 1963 with a diverse business portfolio that includes companies working in life sciences, business services, resorts, property management, and medical devices. Founded in 1963 and with headquarters in Bloomington, Indiana, Cook Group companies today employ more than 12,000 people around the world.



CHRIS WATTS - VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Chris Watts is Vice-President of Public Affairs at the Indiana Association of REALTORS® (IAR); he joined the association in mid-2022, impeccably timed with the Federal Reserve tightening cycle. In this role, he oversees IAR's marketing, internal and external communications efforts, research and data analytics teams. Previously, he served as President of the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, the state's only ongoing source of independent research and analysis of state and local tax and budget issues.

Earlier in his career, Watts was Vice-President of Communications & Research for the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP), a regional CEO alliance supporting a family of economic development initiatives focused on the state's key growth industries. Watts has also worked with clients spanning the public and non-profit sectors, advanced manufacturing, higher education and technology as a public affairs consultant and as an executive at CVR, an Indianapolis-based marketing agency.

Chris is a native of Aurora, Indiana, and is a graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis.



SPEAKERS



LUKE WILSON - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Luke Wilson leads the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's External Affairs Division, overseeing the Consumer Affairs Division, Information Technology team, the disbursement of funds from the Underground Plant Protection Account Fund, media matters, and stakeholder engagement. He also serves as the Commission's primary liaison with the Indiana General Assembly, advising the Commission on legislative matters. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, a concentration in Management, and a minor in Political Science. Prior to joining the Commission in November 2022, Luke served at the Indiana House of Representatives for seven years, first as a legislative assistant and later as a policy analyst, where he advised members on legislative matters mainly related to utilities, transportation, and public health.