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## **NAIOP of Ohio Welcomes New Additions to State Board Roster**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – NAIOP of Ohio announces the appointment of James Devanney from the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Chapter, Robert Ballinger from the Dayton Area Chapter, as well as Central Ohio Chapter members Benjamin Johnson and Chris Knezevic to the statewide organization's Board of Directors.

**James Devanney** serves as President & Owner at METHOD Project Solutions in Cincinnati. With a background in Commercial Real Estate Services and a licensed broker, James brings with him years of experience representing commercial properties and advising clients on their real estate decisions.

**Robert Ballinger** is an Associate Member of the Coolidge Wall Co. in the firm's Real Estate and Corporate Department, located in Dayton. Robert's area of focus is representing clients with the purchase, sale, development, and financing of commercial real estate projects.

**Benjamin Johnson** serves as Senior Executive Vice President and Principal in the Colliers Columbus office and is the founder of Buckeye Industrial Group. He brings with him 14 years of commercial real estate brokerage experience and a previous career in commercial real estate finance.

**Chris Knezevic** is of counsel in the Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Columbus office with a decade of experience advising domestic and international companies on economic development incentives, tax incentives and site selection analysis.

Following the appointments, the Board acknowledged the years of service to the organization by outgoing board members Bill Acton and Vince Messerly, who both served on the Environmental Committee and helped craft important public policy during their tenures.

"We as a Board are incredibly grateful to the years of volunteer service to this organization by Bill and Vince with their expertise having helped shape Ohio environmental policy for years to come," said Josh Gerth, President of NAIOP of Ohio. "In order for Ohio to remain economically competitive, having James, Robert, Ben, and Chris on the Board will be a tremendous asset to NAIOP and we look forward to working with them."

### **About NAIOP of Ohio**

NAIOP of Ohio, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, is the leading statewide organization for developers, owners and related professionals in office, industrial and mixed-use real estate.

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