

## Randy Cole

Randy serves as Controlling Board President and Policy Advisor to Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen. He has responsibility for coordinating shared services and government reform and efficiency initiatives for OBM and the Governor's Office including leading the team that developed "*Beyond Boundaries- A Shared Services Action Plan for Ohio Schools and Governments*".

He is the OBM designee to the Ohio Turnpike Commission, the MARCS Steering Committee (the statewide emergency radio system), the OAKS Steering Committee (Ohio Administrative Knowledge System) and the Local Government Innovation Council, which is responsible for overseeing the award of \$45 million in grants and loans to schools and local governments. He also participates in the Governor's Office of Health Transformation Program Office as an advisor for shared services and system delivery transformation.

Most recently, he served for two years as Director of Audit Services and Technology for Auditor of State Mary Taylor. He supervised Local Government Services (LGS), the Performance Audit Section, and Information Technology Section, including the Uniform Accounting Network (UAN).

Prior to his latest government service, Cole worked as a sales and marketing executive at FirstEnergy Corporation from 1998 to 2004 and served as President of a technology company that specialized in online application development for government clients from 2004 to 2008.

Randy began his career in the Ohio Statehouse in 1989 as an LSC intern. He later served as a budget analyst for the Senate Republican caucus from 1991 to 1993 before leaving to work in Summit County government for Six years.

Randy has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Policy Management from the University of Akron and completed graduate coursework at the John Glenn School at The Ohio State University. Randy is also a graduate of Leadership Akron Class 14 and Leadership Ohio Class 7.

He is married to Cyndra Cole and resides in Akron with his three children.

**About the Controlling Board:** The Controlling Board provides legislative oversight over certain capital and operating expenditures by state agencies and various other state fiscal activities. The seven-member board meets approximately every two weeks to consider and vote on requests for action that are submitted by state agencies and universities. The board consists of: the President of the Board, the chair of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, the chair of the Senate Finance and Financial Institutions Committee, two members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.