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Columbus Partnership Announces Leadership Transition

Jason Hall shares intent to step down as CEO of the Columbus Partnership

Columbus, OH – The Columbus Partnership Executive Committee today announced that Jason Hall has shared his decision to step down as CEO, effective June 30, 2026, because of a personal need to relocate closer to his parents in the St. Louis metro area. Corrine Burger will serve as interim CEO of the Partnership while a search for Hall's permanent successor is conducted. Hall will provide on-going transitional support to Corrine Burger beyond the effective date.

"We are grateful for Jason's engagement with our members and partners. Under his leadership, the Columbus Region's ranking and reputation as a top U.S. metro for economic development has grown, bringing new employers, thousands of jobs and billions of capital investment dollars to our community," said Kirt Walker, Columbus Partnership co-chair and CEO of Nationwide. "The Columbus Partnership team is one of the best in the country and the addition of Corrine will continue the mission of building economic prosperity across the Region."

"It has been an extraordinary honor to serve this dynamic region and be a part of the uniquely collaborative Columbus civic culture. The future is extremely bright in Columbus, and I will be proudly cheering on the continued success of the Columbus Partnership members and team as well as the broader community," said Hall.

Burger is well positioned to lead the Partnership through the leadership transition. Over a 34-year career at JPMorganChase and predecessor Bank One, she built a reputation as one of Columbus' most respected and connected business leaders — serving as a managing director and site lead in Columbus while holding global responsibility as chief control officer, prior to her retirement in 2025. She was also a member of the Columbus Partnership and served on the One Columbus Board of Directors.

"The Columbus Partnership is fortunate to have someone of Corrine's caliber ready to step into this role. She brings decades of executive leadership and deep ties to this community," said Steve Steinour, Columbus Partnership co-chair and chairman, president and CEO of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. "Alongside the exceptional executive team in place, she will ensure the Partnership remains focused on delivering for our region as we conduct a thorough search for a permanent leader."

Burger currently sits on the boards of Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Columbus State Community College and Nationwide.

The search for a permanent successor is underway.

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About the Columbus Partnership

The Columbus Partnership is a nonprofit organization of CEOs from Columbus' leading businesses and institutions. Through our membership and other ally organizations across Central Ohio, the Partnership upholds a shared vision to make Columbus the most prosperous region in the country. The Columbus Partnership team also includes One Columbus, one of the nation's top economic development teams that serves the 11-county Columbus Region; and Smart Columbus, an innovation lab that applies technology to advance community good. The Columbus Partnership team works to help create jobs and attract capital investment, expand access to opportunity, and improve the economic competitiveness of the Columbus Region. Learn more at columbusregion.com.