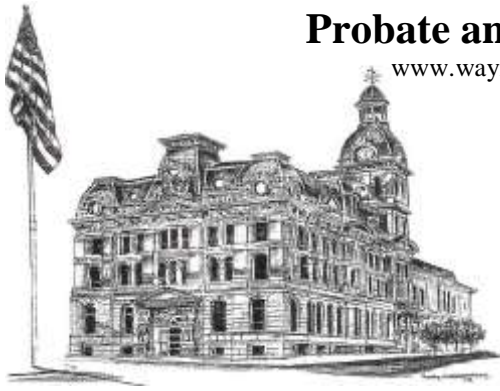


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**LATECIA E. WILES, JUDGE**

### PRESS RELEASE

From: Latecia E. Wiles, Judge  
Wayne County Probate Court

Wayne County Probate Judge Latecia E. Wiles has announced that she has appointed Kristina M. Boone, Ph.d. to fill the vacancy left by Wooster City Schools Board of Education member Hilary Carroll earlier this year. Dr. Boone currently serves as Assistant Dean and Director of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at OSU's Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI). Prior to this, Dr. Boone was the head of the Communications and Agricultural Education Department and a professor at Kansas State University. Dr. Boone sits on the Wooster City Schools Career Center Advisory Board and has served in the past on various advisory councils for the public school system, as well as search committees for new administrators in both the public school setting and in higher education.

In making this decision, Judge Wiles states that all seven candidates who applied for the position had qualifications that would have served the board well. All seven applicants expressed a desire and a motivation to improve the education system, address funding and budget concerns, and, most important to all, ensure the safety of all students during the pandemic. Each candidate had his or her own unique experience and talents to offer to the board. This decision was made after taking into account each applicant's experience with public schools, administration experience, understanding of the role of the board versus the superintendent, awareness of issues facing underserved populations and youth of color and the applicant's motivation to address such issues, an understanding of the time commitment required, whether the applicant intends to continue serving in the future, whether the applicant exercised his or her right to vote on school issues in the past, the existence of or potential for conflicts of interest, the ability to be objective and balance a variety of needs in making decisions, a desire and ability to reach agreements and work as a team with members with opposing viewpoints, the ability to cast an unpopular vote, and the extent to which an applicant demonstrates goodwill in applying for the position.

In selecting Dr. Boone for the position, Judge Wiles states that it is her belief that Dr. Boone will bring with her a wealth of experience and skills that she expects will be helpful in the immediate future as the board considers its budget, the renewal of the superintendent's contract and the search for a new Treasurer, as well as issues related to race and disadvantaged or struggling youth.