

CTM Trustee Candidates

Kevin Leahy

See attached resume.

Ben Pantoja

I'm Ben Pantoja. I've lived in Clifton for 40 years. In February, I'll be retiring after 38 years in Engineering at Procter and Gamble. I was on the Board of CTM between 2010 and 2016. I served 2 years as a trustee, 2 as Vice President, and 2 as President. I would like to rejoin the Board. My top priority would be to improve the dialogue and effectiveness of CTM Board Meetings. I am also interested in Zoning.

Thomas Smith

I returned to the area in July 2022 after several years out of state and have loved living in the Clifton neighborhood and Cincinnati once again. I have a bachelor's degree in economics-finance and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in community planning. As an urban planner, I've been lucky to experience life in other cities in the Midwest and West and work on projects like development design review, writing of zoning ordinances, and project management ranging from disaster recovery to community housing plans. I currently work remotely for an out-of-state employer, but I've been looking for opportunities to become more involved in my local community. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the neighborhood and serve as a Clifton Town Meeting trustee.

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CLIMATE & ENERGY POLICY EXPERT

with a focus on economics, technology, creative solutions to stakeholder concerns, and policy durability

**Climate Policy & Economics | Energy Technology Policy – Zero-Emitting, Electrification, Energy Efficiency
Energy System Modeling/ICF's IPM | Clean Air/Water/Health | Linkage Impacts – Inter-industry, International, Leakage
Stakeholder Engagement (EDF, NRDC, C2ES, NWF, CATF, Universities, Industry Groups)
Multi-Party Climate Negotiations | Knowledge of Opposition Strategies**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Independent Consultant/Energy Strategies (Remote)

2019 – 2023

Organizer, in collaboration with the Harvard Law School Environmental and Energy Law Program, preparing [Amicus Brief](#) for WV vs. EPA to support EPA, advocating for the court to dismiss the brief, and that limiting Congress's ability to delegate would undermine the Federal Government's ability to function. Helped create initial draft and recruited amici curiae, including former CEOs and other senior executives from Exelon, Duke Energy, Entergy, ConEdison, PNM Resources, PSEG, Calpine, PG&E, Nextera and system operators MISO and NYISO, and the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Climate Policy Expert – for Washington State electricity provider, to determine impacts and opportunities created by the State's new climate laws.

DUKE ENERGY (Cinergy until merger with Duke in 2006), Cincinnati, OH

1998 - 2018

Managing Director, Environmental and Energy Policy

2003 - 2018

Led Climate Policy for Cinergy / Duke Energy. Responsible for stakeholder engagement and economic analysis of policy proposals. Advanced a more progressive policy posture in the firm's advocacy, investment evaluation, risk management, and corporate strategy. Trusted advisor to CEO (Jim Rogers) on the issue of climate change. Annual research/engagement budget of approximately \$1M.

- Lead author of company's climate change risk report (released 2004; updated 2008), making Cinergy one of the first coal-fueled electric utilities to call for market-based CO2 regulations. The watershed report was downloaded over 3K times and became a benchmark for evaluation of climate reports by other firms.
- Determined impact of climate and clean air policies on energy supplies, energy technologies, and electricity prices, and what effects these would have on jobs, industry, commercial businesses, and households.
- Wrote and edited speeches for CEO on issue of climate change, advocating for fast, effective, and pragmatic legislation.
- Led public advocacy supporting a CO2 cap & trade system as the compliance mechanism for the Obama EPA's Clean Power Plan.
- Headed negotiations with the US Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), coalition of 24 businesses and 5 NGOs. USCAP's Blueprint became the basis of the Waxman-Markey climate bill passed by the House in 2009.
- Reviewed and provided comments for authors of environmental and energy policy papers at RFF, Pew Center/C2ES and other policy think tanks.
- Served as representative to Copenhagen Climate Council, The Climate Group, Resources for the Future, the Pew Center on Global Climate Change and the World Economic Forum Climate Policy Group.
- Selected as member of World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Climate Change (2008 - 2011), influencing global thought leaders focused on the climate issue.
- Developed vehicle electrification strategy.
- Represented Duke to concerned industrial and commercial customers, policy makers, and stakeholder groups, (some strongly opposed to Duke policy positions). Converted many opponents to partners and learned from all.
- Speaker and presenter at conferences (Harvard Electric Policy Group-Harvard University, Nicholas Institute at Duke University, University of Michigan, Indiana University, University of California's Energy Institute - UC Berkeley, International Emissions Trading Association, Environmental Markets Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Bar Association and others). Identified as industry expert and quoted in the New York Times, Technology Review, Businessweek and USA Today.

DUKE ENERGY, Managing Director - *Continued*

Managing Director, Market Fundamentals (for Cinergy Trading) 2001-2003
Led department responsible for market price forecasts of coal, natural gas, emission allowances, and electricity for wholesale energy trading business.

- Member of NOX SIP Call Compliance Planning Team to target which electricity plants should install NOx control equipment and which should be scheduled for retirement.

Assistant to the CEO (Jim Rogers) 2000-2001
Provided first strategic analysis of climate change for Cinergy CEO. Researched climate science, economics and policy, and the impact on electric utilities and their customers.

- Organized seminars with experts from Harvard & MIT to brief senior leaders and facilitate emergence of a unified position.

Chief Strategy Officer, International Business Unit 1998-2000
Managed team responsible for strategy development for newly formed international and renewable energy division. Improved valuation process for acquisitions.

- Investment analysis of combined heat and power plants, wind, micro-hydro, and biomass energy projects in the U.S., Spain, Brazil, and England. Advised divestiture of U.K. electric distribution company, booking profit of \$200M.
- Introduced uncertainty/risk analysis in capital investment analysis throughout the company by organizing graduate level classes, increasing the use of risk simulation by financial analysts.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

PEACE CORPS, Associate Director, Business, Tirana, Albania

Designed and implemented first Business Project in the newly opened country. Managed 20+ business consultants, helping over 750 business startups. Partnered with World Bank and the EU. Top-secret security clearance and member of U.S. Diplomatic Mission.

Volunteer, Water Engineer and Health Promotor, Honduras

Supervised construction of 5 potable water systems for villages in remote mountain areas of western Honduras, bringing clean water to approximately 3500 people. Administered vaccines in horseback accessible villages during polio eradication campaign.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Adjunct Lecturer, Bloomington, IN, Taught graduate level environmental economics course.

CONSULTANT, Tirana, Albania and Naberezhnye Chelny (Kamaz), Russia; Clients: World Bank and Cummins Inc.
Business privatization and new business promotion.

CUMMINS INC., International Financial Analyst and HR Manager, Columbus, IN

EXELON, Mechanical Engineer, Seneca, IL,

LaSalle County Nuclear Generating Station during final phase of construction and initial startup.

EDUCATION

Mid-Career Master of Public Administration (MC/MPA), Energy Policy and Environmental Economics, Harvard University, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Finance and International Business, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Semester Intensive: International Economics & the EU, (all classes in French), École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, France

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME), Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

AWARDS & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Electric Policy Research Institute (EPRI) Technology Transfer Awards (2016) Social Cost of Carbon Project (result: assessment by National Academies of Sciences; (2005 & 2015) Climate Change Modeling Project for leadership in developing and refining the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Model
- Worked / lived in Honduras (2 years), Albania (2.5 years), France (4 months) and Russia - with project work in Austria, Brazil Mexico, Turkey and the United Kingdom
- Languages: Conversant in Spanish, (former) near fluency in French and Albanian; novice German
- Citizenship: USA and EU (Ireland)