



OPRA Board of Director Election Ballot

District 7

Serving Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake and Lorain Counties

In accordance with OPRA’s Code of Regulations, votes are being requested from current OPRA Members for OPRA District 7. This representative will fill a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Any/all nominees are listed below. The individual selected will have all the rights and responsibilities of an OPRA District Director as outlined in the Code of Regulations and will address the issues of OPRA Provider Members.

Only one (1) Director is to be elected. Please vote for only one (1) candidate.

Tamara S. Honkala, President & Chief Executive Officer
HELP Foundation, Inc.

**Ballots must be returned by postal mail or in-person
by Friday, October 25, 2024 to:**

Sonya Summers, Member Communications Manager
Ohio Provider Resource Association
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Columbus, OH 43212
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Signature of Individual Voting

Organization

Date

Meet Your District 7 Candidate

(All candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name)



Tamara S. Honkala – President & CEO, HELP Foundation, Inc.

For over 36 years, Tamara S. Honkala (Tami), President & CEO, of HELP has been working to improve the quality of care and services offered to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her journey with HELP began as an unpaid Social Work Intern in the late 1980's. That chance placement transcended into a progressive professional career that spans more than three decades at HELP. She was promoted into role after role: Program Manager, Chief Program

Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and was appointed to her current position of President & CEO in 2015.

Through Tami's steadfast leadership and unparalleled expertise, HELP has grown into one of the most respected and valued organization in Northeast Ohio, providing services to 800 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities daily. Since Tami transitioned into the role of President & CEO, HELP has grown in many important ways – including the growth of our mission. Under her leadership, her ability to take calculated risks has helped thousands of people and generated millions of dollars, keeping HELP financially solvent and viable.

Tami exemplifies a leader and innovator through her passion for our cause, risk-taking initiatives, measurable impact, commitment to collaboration and advocacy - this is what she will continue to bring to the OPRA Board. Tami's Board leadership experience, including as a Board member of OPRA for the past three years and a member of the OPRA Finance committee, makes her a formidable candidate for the district 7 seat. In addition to her OPRA board experience, she is a current member and past President of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce and the current President of the Cuyahoga County Board of DD Provider Consortium Board.

"I am passionate about OPRA's mission and understand the impact it has on all providers – small and large. Because of my tenure in the field, I have developed a keen understanding of the challenges service providers face and the opportunities to improve service delivery. I am committed to collaborating with fellow Board members to represent District 7 to drive meaningful change and ensure OPRA continues to meet the needs of all providers and Ohioans with IDD."