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Gov. Pritzker Appoints Michael T. Carrigan as ICC Commissioner

Governor JB Pritzker has appointed Michael T. Carrigan to serve a five-year term on the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). His term expires January 20, 2025. He replaces Brien Sheahan, whose term recently expired.

“Michael Carrigan brings a wealth of experience that will be an asset to the Commission,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski. “We welcome him and the unique perspective he will bring when tackling the difficult issues ahead of us.”

“I am grateful to Governor JB Pritzker for this appointment. It is truly an honor to become a member of the Commission. I look forward to the new opportunity ahead and working with my colleagues to solve problems and address the needs of our state,” said Carrigan.

After nearly 20 years of service, Carrigan recently retired as President of the Illinois American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), which represents nearly 855,000 union members from across the state. He served as its President from February 2007 to December 2019, and as secretary-treasurer for seven years prior. He began his career as an apprentice electrician at the Decatur-based IBEW Local 146, where he spent 22 years rising through the ranks as a journeyman wireman, business agent and finally as its business manager and financial secretary.

Carrigan formerly served on the National AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee and is a former co-chair of the Illinois Building and Construction Trades Statewide Committee. He is a former member of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council Executive Board, and former advisory member of the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Committee. He also formerly served as Chair of the State Midwest Region AFL-CIO.

Carrigan was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and served nearly four terms on the council before being appointed mayor of Decatur in July 2008 to serve out the remaining term of the retiring mayor. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 from MacMurray College (Jacksonville).

The appointment of Carrigan awaits confirmation by the Illinois State Senate.

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