

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 12  
DATE:  
October 19, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Mr. Gary Torgow as Commencement Speaker at the December 17, 2023 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree to Mr. Torgow.

**STAFF SUMMARY**


Mr. Torgow's biography follows.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

  
University Executive Officer  
Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.

Date

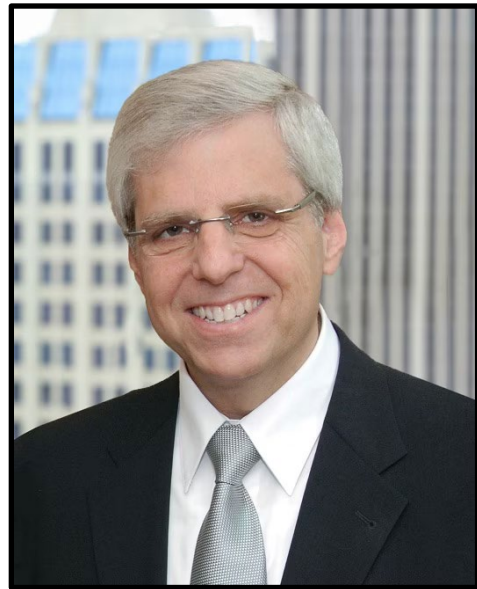
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# Gary Torgow

Gary Torgow is a highly accomplished business leader and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Huntington Bank. With a wealth of experience in the banking and financial industry, Torgow has played a pivotal role in shaping the success and growth of Huntington Bank. His strategic vision and leadership have been instrumental in driving the bank's expansion and establishing its reputation as a trusted financial institution.

Torgow's expertise extends beyond the banking sector, as he has an extensive background in real estate, he is actively involved in a number of philanthropic endeavors, and serves on the Board of numerous organizations, including the Detroit Regional Chamber.

Torgow's board memberships and philanthropic endeavors reflect his dedication to supporting economic development, healthcare, and the arts in the communities he serves.



Mr. Torgow holds a bachelor's degree in history from Yeshiva University and a law degree from Wayne State University. He is a licensed attorney and member of the State Bar of Michigan.