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Gayle Agahi has been with Cleveland Clinic for eleven years and has represented the enterprise on various workforce development issues throughout the region. She has assisted Cleveland Clinic in forging working partnerships with other entities, including the branches of the United States Armed Forces, NASA Glenn Research Center, higher education and community organizations. Gayle also served as the workforce development representative for Cleveland Clinic on the Ohio Governor's Workforce Policy Board during the Strickland Administration. Within the Cleveland Clinic Health System, she also held positions in Government Relations and the Office of Development.

Prior to joining the Cleveland Clinic Health System, Gayle was a business owner. She spent nine years at the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) in Government Affairs, Public Relations, Marketing and Communications. Gayle was a founding leader and the first board chairman of the Northeast Ohio Health Science and Innovation Coalition (NOHSIC). She currently serves as the Vice Chairperson on the Board of Trustees for NOHSIC, sits on the Board of Trustees for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and also on the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board. Gayle holds an Executive MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College and is a graduate of the University of New Orleans with a bachelor's degree in English.

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