

Lois Carson

Lois Carson is State Vice President of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4), the union for 34,000 hard working men and women who serve Ohio's school children, community and technical college students, those in early childhood education programs, children and adults with special needs and those who take advantage of our public libraries and other community services. Ms. Carson has been a member of the union's statewide executive board since 2013, serving as the Central District alternate and board member before moving to State Vice President.

Ms. Carson has been a secretary at Columbus City Schools for 32 years and currently works in the Department of Higher Education, located at Columbus International High School. In 2010, she was elected president of the Columbus School Employees Association (CSEA), made up of 11 local unions with more than 3,000 members who work in the Columbus City Schools. Ms. Carson was re-elected to that post in 2015.

She is current vice-president of OAPSE Local 150, the union for Columbus City Schools' secretaries. She is the past president of that local union. She is also an active member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Ms. Carson is a 1977 graduate of Linden-McKinley Stem Academy in Columbus. She studied Secretarial Studies and Office Administration at Columbus City School Adult Education and Early Childhood Education at Columbus State Community College.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman appointed Ms. Carson to the Columbus Education Commission in 2012. She has also served on the following committees for Columbus City Schools: External Planning Committee, Building Task Force, Facilities Task Force, Levy Millage Committee, Policy and Review Committee, Finance and Appropriations Committee, and the FutureReady Columbus Community Engagement Steering Committee.

Ms. Carson was born and raised in the Linden Community. She was married for 27 years and has four children with her late husband. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren.