



Clifton L. Spinner, MS

Clifton Spinner, currently serves as our Board Chair, and is one of the “original four” called by Kara to realize his dream for the Brightway Center. Clifton is Franklin University’s Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Services. He is originally from Steubenville, Ohio, and a graduate of Steubenville High School. Clifton’s connection to Kara Bright began when he was a middle schooler and attended the Weekend of Champions at West Liberty College. He is a former commander from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, retiring in 2015 after 28 dedicated years of service. Clifton earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from West Liberty College and Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Public Administration from the University of Cincinnati.

Clifton still holds a peace officer commission through the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Spinner has received numerous awards and serves on several boards and committees. He is the former assistant chair and two term member of the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Professionalism Commission and the Client Security Fund. He is also a former member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. Clifton served as adjunct professor at Ohio University, teaching in the criminal justice / law enforcement program from 2002 to 2016.

In addition to Brightway, Clifton volunteers a lot of his time to the youth of Ohio and has served as a Big Brother with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. In addition, he has served as an assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America. He and his family reside just outside of Columbus, OH and belong to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Columbus.