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As Chief of Public Affairs for the Department of Public Utilities, Dr. Jason A. Wood is responsible for communications, legislation, community outreach and government affairs.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Wood worked on Cleveland Division of Water's Customer Service Turnaround Project. In his role as Deputy Project Manager on this project, Wood has taken the lead on communications issues, working to ensure that employees, customers and governmental partners are kept informed about the status and progress of the Turnaround efforts. As a result, Wood has worked extensively with multiple areas of CWD, including the customer service business areas, communications, government affairs, and finance.

Previously, Wood has worked in two City Administrations, including serving as Special Assistant to Mayor Frank G. Jackson for Policy and Research. In this role, Wood provided policy and issue research to the Mayor on a variety of topics, and served as the Office of Communications liaison for development and technology issues.

In addition to his government work, Wood operated a private consulting firm focused on developing data-based strategies to meet the demands of government, political, non-profit and corporate clients. Additionally, Wood spent several years as a graduate adjunct instructor of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati.

Wood holds a Ph.D. in Political Science with a focus on American Politics and Quantitative Research Methods from the University of Cincinnati. His academic writings cover topics including political psychology, voting behavior and survey research. Additionally, Wood earned a Masters of Applied Politics from the University of Akron in 2005 and Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Economics from Kent State University in 2000.