

Michael T. Carrigan was appointed to the Illinois Commerce Commission by Governor JB Pritzker on January 31, 2020 to a five-year term and confirmed by the Illinois Senate on September 13, 2021.

Before joining the Commission, Carrigan served as an Illinois American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) officer for more than 19 years. He was the IL AFL-CIO President from February 2007 to December 2019, and secretary-treasurer for the seven years prior.

In 1978, he began his career as an apprentice electrician at the Decatur-based IBEW Local 146. He spent the next 22 years rising through the ranks as a journeyman wireman, business agent, and finally as its business manager and financial secretary.

Carrigan formerly served on the National AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee and is a former co-chair of the Illinois Building and Construction Trades Committee. He is a former member of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council Executive Board, and a former advisory member of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Committee.

He formerly served six years, as Chairman of the 13-state AFL-CIO Central Regions State Federation Organization and was a trustee on the NECA-IBEW Health and Welfare Trust Fund and Pension Fund Boards. He also served as chairman of the South-Central Illinois Telecommunication Council of the IBEW and as president of the Decatur Building Trades Council.

Carrigan was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and served nearly four terms on the council before being appointed mayor of Decatur in July of 2008 to serve out the remaining term (ending in April 2009) of the retiring mayor.

Carrigan earned his Bachelor of Science degree from MacMurray College (Jacksonville) in 1976. He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Critical Infrastructure Committee and Nuclear Issues – Waste Disposal Subcommittee. Additionally, Commissioner Carrigan is a member of the NARUC-DOE (U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy) Nuclear Energy Partnership (NEP).