



Paula Hughes is the newest member of the BND Commercial team. She has enjoyed a long career in Community and Economic Development, including positions as the President of the Downtown Improvement District of Fort Wayne and Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Decatur, Indiana. Paula is also a member of the Allen County Council, representing the 2nd District. She holds a BA from Indiana University and an MBA from the University of Saint Francis. Paula currently sits on the Allen County Plan Commission, Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors, Urban Transportation Advisory Board (UTAB) and is a member of The Quest Club. She has also been very active as a volunteer, serving on several local non-profit boards, including:

- Since 2003 Innovation Center (NIIC) Board
- Since 2001 Courthouse Preservation Trust Board
- Since 2000 Embassy Centre Foundation, President of Board 2002 - present
- Since 2000 Cinema Center, President of Board 2003 - present
- Since 2000 Summit Club Board
- 1999 - 2003 YWCA, Board Member, Executive Committee
- 1999 - 2002 Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana, Board Member
- 1999 - '02 Leadership Fort Wayne Alumni Board, President, 2000-2001
- 1995 - 99 Northeast Indiana Private Industry Council

Paula lives in Fort Wayne with her husband, Chris, and their son Beale.