

Board of Trustees - 2023

Kenneth D. Bland Jr. is Vice President of Business Banking for Valley National Bank in Northern New Jersey. In this role, he is responsible for origination, underwriting, closing, and portfolio management; for building and developing relationships with real estate developers, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Ken is a community banking professional with ten years of experience in lending and community development. Throughout his tenure, he has worked across several lending sectors including community development lending, SBA lending, Middle Market lending, traditional commercial and industrial lending, and traditional commercial real estate lending. While working in these sectors, Ken has also been the point of contact for charitable foundation grant submissions, for corporate sponsorship requests, affordable housing First Time Home Buyer programs, financial literacy programs, small business financing seminars, and Young Professional development and training programs. Ken has served on the Board of Directors for many community organizations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the New Jersey State Museum Foundation and the Northern New Jersey Community Foundation and the Credit Committee for the Greater Newark Enterprises Corporation.

Adriana Chizan, LPC is the Director of Support Services at Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey (CSPNJ). She previously was the Clinical Manager at Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center in Miami Beach for over ten years. She has twenty years working in the behavioral health field, including fifteen years related to supportive housing. Her experience has primarily been serving people with severe and chronic mental health issues and co-occurring (mental health/substance abuse) as well as homeless and domestic violence. Adriana serves on the Executive Opioid Fatality Review Board as well as is an advocate for suicide prevention and reducing stigma. She received her BA in Psychology and Sociology from Albright College and her Masters in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Miami.

Barbara Coppens is a recognized and respected leader in the self-advocacy movement for over 30 years. She is the Past President of the NJ Statewide Self Advocacy Network, Past Chair of Regional Council 4, and sits on several committees and coalitions such as the Mainstreaming Medical Care Board, the DD Coalition, Olmsted workgroup, Family Support Regional Planning Council, and the TASH Board. Barbara is a board member of The Arc of Camden, and is a past Board member of The Arc of New Jersey and The Arc of the US. Barbara travels all across the country to promote self-advocacy and has been interviewed on radio and television. She also does public speaking at events and workshops, including Rutgers University graduate classes and disability related conferences. Barbara works as a full-time advocate with Disability Rights NJ.

Gia Gore currently serves as the Director of Real Estate for Eden Autism Services, a not-for-profit organization with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with autism. Gia is responsible for a diverse range of real estate and facilities projects for the organization which includes group homes, supervised apartments, adult employment and day centers and the Eden School. In this role she is responsible for site selection, market research, financial analysis, government relations, grant financing, lease negotiation and establishing and maintaining companywide real estate standards and policies. Gia has extensive experience in developing special needs projects for individuals with developmental disabilities. Prior to Eden, Gia spent 13 years at Our House Inc. and was their Director of Real Estate. Gia holds a BS in Business

Administration from Ramapo College of NJ and is a NJ Licensed Real Estate Salesperson. She is the parent of a young adult with autism and as a parent has advocated for individuals with special needs in front of the NJ Legislature and US Congress.

Samantha Hennessey comes to SHA with an abundance of passion for equal housing opportunities. She is a boots-on-the-ground affordable housing development professional with decades of experience. From concept to completion, she has been involved with dozens of redevelopment initiatives across New Jersey and has worked alongside the top women in the industry who were her mentors. From acquisitions and complex financing to construction and property management, Samantha is an expert at putting all the pieces together to create excellent housing opportunities for people of all incomes. She holds a BS in business administration, a construction management certificate, and currently serves as a Board Member of Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey (AHPNJ). She recently joined The Alpert Group, a NJ real estate company specializing in affordable and mixed income housing. As Senior Development Associate she will be working on several housing initiatives, which include supportive and disabled housing opportunities.

Samantha Hoyte CPA, MBA, CFE is a manager at the accounting and advisory firm WithumSmith+Brown, PC (Withum) and has over 15 years of public accounting experience. She has 13 years of specialization in real estate and 3 years focusing on Low Income Housing Tax Credit and HUD projects. Other experience areas include taxation (individual, partnership, corporate and non-profit), compilations, reviews, commercial real estate, residential real estate, not-for-profit (public and private), 401(k) audits, manufacturing and retail. Samantha is a licensed certified public accountant in the state of New Jersey and holds a Master's in Business Administration from Stockton University. She is on the Board of Trustees of New Hope Baptist Church.

Maria Maio-Messano For over four decades Maria Maio-Messano has made fair and affordable housing her life's mission. Maria's journey into developing affordable housing began with the Downtown Urban Housing Corporation in Jersey City helping residents achieve housing through sweat equity. This development mindset would be a strong asset as Maio-Messano eventually rose to lead the Jersey City Housing Authority and built meaningful connections with residents as well as managing over 2,300 apartments and over 4000 housing vouchers for affordable housing. Bringing all her experience to her most recent role as Director of the New Jersey State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Maria's vision was critical to her stewardship of New Jersey's \$1.7 billion dollar HUD allocation which affected the lives of people living in 100,000 households. Retired in 2019, Maria currently serves on the Belmar Housing Authority Board as well as the Board of the Affordable Housing Alliance. Maria Maio-Messano was recognized by SHA with the 2019 Cornerstone Award.

James R. Marhold, DHA/DBA is the President/CEO of Declarations, Inc., an organization that provides supportive housing and services to individuals with mental illness. He has over 30 years of experience in providing community-based programs for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness. During this time, he provided community-based services to over 500 individuals and their families and has trained over 1000 human services workers throughout New Jersey. He has been a keynote speaker in the area of disability services at numerous statewide conferences. In 2002, he received an award from the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey and

the Corporation for Supportive Housing for his work in creating new strategies to promote and develop supportive living programs. Dr. Marhold currently holds a Doctorate in Business Administration as well as a Doctorate in Healthcare Administration.

Asish Patel is the Chief Operating Officer at Monarch Housing Associates, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the "right to housing" for all persons with disabilities and to the development of permanent, affordable and supportive housing. During the past 29 years at Monarch, he has worked on numerous projects including condos, single/multi-family homes, apartments, and commercial spaces. His work has led to the development of over 3,000 units of housing throughout all 21 counties in New Jersey. He graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, and a Masters' Degree in Management. He completed the Pratt Institute's Community and Economic Development Internship Program, and the Enterprise's Leadership Institute. Asish serves on the Facilities Committee of Integrity House, and recently joined the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York's Affordable Housing Advisory Council.

Peter Rosky, Senior Vice President, NJ Market Leader, Risk Strategies Company
As NJ Market Leader, Peter is responsible for sales growth for Commercial, Employee Benefits and Private Clients in the NJ Market. In addition, Peter oversees the Employee Benefits Account Management Team. Peter enjoys coaching his teams to achieve their career goals and work objectives. He provides particular expertise in managing large self-funded health plans for his clients. Peter began his 30+ years in the health insurance industry with one of the pioneering managed care companies in the country. He held increasing levels of responsibility in sales and national accounts before finishing his carrier career with a large insurance company as a Regional Director. Peter is a graduate of Montclair State University and has two grown sons and resides with his wife in Wayne NJ. He is actively involved on advisory boards and co-chairing fundraising events for several non-profit organizations.

Jacqueline Ross has over twenty years of fundraising for Newark area non-profit organizations. For the first twelve of those years, she was the Development Director of four community-based organizations affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. These non-profits focused on affordable and supportive housing, foreclosure and homebuyer counseling, community development, and a variety of supportive services for low-income residents. For the last 12 years, Ms. Ross has worked in education, most recently joining the Newark Alliance as Director of Advancement for Newark Youth Career Pathways. Ms. Ross has raised over \$40 million during her career from government, corporate, foundation, and individual sources. Her volunteer work includes serving on the Newark Celebration 350 Fundraising Committee, which raised over \$3 million in 2016 under the direction of Irene Cooper-Basch of the Victoria Foundation. Prior to that, she was a founding Board member of the Newark Asset Building Corporation, the goal of which was to increase the tax credits of low-income families. She holds a B.A. in Music Education from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia.

Nancy Schneeloch is currently the Senior Program Director for Supportive Housing, Homeless Outreach, and Justice Involved Services at Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services. In her 30-year career, Nancy has dedicated her work and passion to providing and supporting stable, dignified housing for our most vulnerable neighbors. Nancy's career began with a BSW from Monmouth University, followed by a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Rutgers University. She arrived at Bridgeway in 1989 with a

desire to improve the lives of people who were met with the extraordinary challenges that mental illness brings. Nancy has been the lead person for housing authority (HA) partnerships including the first Mainstream Housing partnership in New Jersey paired with mental health services. Today, Nancy oversees 200 HA vouchers through the HUD continuum of care and over 300 vouchers through NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. She has been the long-time chair of the CEAS planning sub-committee and is active in the Union County Continuum of Care. She also initiated and still supervises the Union County jail diversion project which eventually became part of the state pilot project now called Justice Involved Services. Nancy was honored in 2014 by NJ Association of Mental Health and Addiction with the Courage and Compassion Award and in 2018 by SHA's with our Civic Leadership Award.

Stephen Schoch is Principal, Director of Housing, at Thriven Design, an 80+ person Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Interior Design firm based in Collingswood, NJ. Steve's dedication and influence on the Thriven Design staff has resulted in establishing the firm's leadership in the field of affordable and supportive housing for more than 35 years. Since joining the firm (Formerly Kitchen & Associates) in 1984 Steve has made significant contributions to both the creative and the business accomplishments of the firm. Steve oversees architectural endeavors, serving a wide variety of public, private and non-profit clients as team leader and designer. Steve earned a Bachelor of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University, is NCARB certified, a LEED Accredited Professional, and is a Registered Architect in twenty states. Steve has served on the board of SHA from 2013-2018, and is also the parent of an adult daughter with significant ID/DD challenges who continues to live at home.

Monica Vir, Esq. is a Shareholder in the law firm of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C. where she concentrates her practice in corporate transactions. She counsels closely held and family businesses, national and international corporations, and nonprofit and charitable organizations in all aspects of mergers and acquisitions, due diligence investigations, reorganizations and restructurings, debt and equity financings, and real estate matters. Monica represents Lindabury as the sole US representative law firm in The Parlex Group, an organization comprised of several dozen mid-sized law firms throughout Europe and Asia. She serves on the Board of Directors for Hometowne Television in Summit, New Jersey and is a founding member of Lindabury's Women's Business Initiative. Monica has been recognized by the New Jersey Law Journal as a New Leader of the Bar as well as by NJBIZ as one of its top "40 Under 40" which recognizes men and women across New Jersey's business community for outstanding achievement. Monica is a graduate of Rutgers Law School-Newark and is licensed to practice in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

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