

Meet Our Board



Crystal Napier, President. Crystal has served as a Piedmont Housing Alliance board member since January 2015. Originally from Afton, Crystal came to the Charlottesville area as a University of Virginia undergraduate, and currently lives in Greene County with her son, husband and pup, Simba. She is the owner and sole proprietor of Renee's Boutique, an online shopping destination specializing in "Clothing for the Confident Woman," regardless of your style or size Renee's has you covered! Previously, Crystal worked in banking management for ten years.



Roxanne Carter-Johnston, Vice President. Roxanne is a Charlottesville native and currently resides in Fluvanna County. She is a real estate agent at Nest Realty in Charlottesville. Aside from serving on our Board of Directors, she is also a member of the Fluvanna County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, Fluvanna Co. Volunteers Advisory Committee and is involved in the Tandem Friends School Admissions Panel and Tandem Giving Committee.



Ken Shevlin, Treasurer. Ken joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in July 2017. Ken is an attorney with Williams Mullen and brings to the board expertise in commercial real estate law. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Virginia Environmental Law Journal. He holds an M.Phil. in political thought and intellectual history from the University of Cambridge and a B.A. in political science, cum laude, from Yale.



Diana Burruss, Secretary. Diana Burruss has served as a Piedmont Housing Alliance board member since 2014. Diana currently works as an elementary school reading and math specialist in Louisa. She has volunteered as a child advocate through Piedmont CASA, and as Book Buddies reading tutor at Charlottesville's Clark Elementary School. Diana holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, and a master's degree in leadership and organizational behavior from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York

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Marjorie Adam has served as a Piedmont Housing Alliance board member since 2015. Marjorie is a realtor and in addition to her work with Piedmont Housing, she also serves as a board member for the Charlottesville Scholarship Program, and has served on the board of CAAR, as membership co-chair of Women United, and as president of McIntire Little League. Marjorie holds a bachelor's degree, in journalism, from Susquehanna University.



Jay Bartlow was born and raised in Charlottesville and has strong roots in the community. He came from a large family consisting of eight brothers and two sisters. Jay was a contractor and an avid motorcycle racer. In 1993, he suffered an accident that left him paralyzed, and when he was released from the hospital he was left needing a place to live. Jay's occupational therapist did some research on housing options and found that there was very little affordable housing for people with disabilities. In August of 1993, Jay moved in as one of Monticello Vista's first residents and has lived there ever since.



Caroline Brennan has served on Piedmont Housing Alliance's board of directors since 2010. Originally from the New York area, Caroline came to Charlottesville in 2000 to pursue a master's degree at the University of Virginia. Caroline currently works at UVA's school of medicine as a grants coordinator. Her training, however, is as an environmental planner, "which is all about people and places and natural resources.



Geraldina Gonzalez joined the Piedmont Housing Board of Directors in 2019. As a homebuyer, she used Piedmont Housing's Housing Counseling services to help purchase her first home. Geraldina first came to Charlottesville from El Salvador 16 years ago in hopes of providing herself with better opportunities for a successful future, and she's now a US Citizen. She works full time as a server at Hamiltons' and also works in the café at Feast.

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Victoria Lewis describes herself as a passionate person that takes “tremendous opportunity in helping wherever I can.” She has over 15 years of experience in property management.



Beth Meyer's service on the Piedmont Housing Alliance Board of Directors began in 2017. She brings to the Board decades of design research into the impacts of government-sponsored urban renewal on Charlottesville's residents and their communities. Meyer views this history through the lens of a landscape architect as interested in the social as well as the ecological aspects of urban landscape form and experience.



Dave Paulson currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer at Eagle Corporation. He joined Piedmont Housing's board in 2015 after many years as a member of its Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) committee. Dave believes passionately that a safe and affordable home is the necessary foundation for anyone to improve their economic circumstances and provide stability and opportunity for their children. Dave received an undergraduate liberal arts degree from Penn State, and holds an MBA from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.



Oliver Platts-Mills served on Piedmont Housing Alliance's board of directors from 2011 to 2014, and rejoined the board early in 2016 following a year of overseas travel. Oliver first learned of the Piedmont Housing Alliance when he and his wife received housing counseling prior to purchasing their first home. Developing and managing rental properties in the city has exposed Oliver to the lack of affordable housing options in Charlottesville, as well as the intense pressure being placed upon existing options. Oliver has a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University, and a master's degree, in Systems Engineering, from the University of Virginia.

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Najeeba Popal joined the Piedmont Housing Alliance Board of Directors in January 2019. She brings experience in finance and experience as a resident of Friendship Court Apartments. She graduated from economic faculty in Afghanistan in 2009, and worked in Finance from 2009-2014. Najeeba is involved in the community. She is also a part-time community interpreter for the International Rescue Committee and enjoys teaching Afghan cooking classes.



Frank Stoner is a principal at Milestone Partners, a development management firm. Frank Stoner began his board service with Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2015. He currently serves on the board of the Free Enterprise Forum and as a member of the Jefferson School Community Partnership. Frank is a graduate of Southern Methodist University.



Barbara Brown Wilson joined the Piedmont Housing board in 2015. To date, Barbara has worked closely with Piedmont Housing leadership to identify opportunities for Charlottesville affordable housing residents to more actively engage in and shape their communities. Barbara is currently an assistant professor of Urban and Environmental Planning at UVA's School of Architecture, and a co-founder of Design Futures.