



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

### **Roxanne Carter-Johnston, President**

Roxanne joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2019 and currently serves as its president. She is a Charlottesville City native who resides in Fluvanna County, where she and her family have lived for just over 20 years. She is a licensed real estate agent with Nest Realty, Charlottesville and serves as a member of the Charlottesville Association of Realtors' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, as well as other committees. Outside of her commitment to the Charlottesville Area Real Estate Community and Piedmont Housing Alliance, Roxanne serves on Tandem Friends School's Board of Trustees, and the Piedmont Community Land Trust.



### **Marjorie Adam, Vice President**

Marjorie joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2015 and currently serves as its secretary. Marjorie grew up in the Charlottesville area and has been a Realtor here since 1996. In addition to her work with Piedmont Housing, she also currently serves as a board member for the UVA Children's Hospital and volunteers regularly at the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. She believes strongly in giving back to her community and local charities. Marjorie is married to her husband, Philippe, and has two sons and two rescue dogs.



### **Kelly Evans, Secretary**

Kelly joined the board in 2023. Kelly is a dynamic community leader and experienced problem solver who has inspired proven strategies in the spheres of education, housing, and healthcare. She serves as Board President of the Virginia Housing Alliance, where she collaborates with the Executive Director, fellow board members, and staff to ensure the mission and vision are realized through the lenses of diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and belonging. Vocationally, Kelly serves as a Program Manager charged with supporting Community Health Workers (CHW) through the Institute for Public Health Innovation. She earned a Masters in Health Care Administration and has over 25 years of professional public service experience.



### **Ken Shevlin, Treasurer**

Ken joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2017 and currently serves as its treasurer. As an attorney at Williams Mullen, he counsels clients on corporate and real estate matters. He is a graduate of the UVA School of Law, Cambridge, and Yale. He lives in Charlottesville with his wife, Katie, and two children.





**Art Bowen, Board Member**

Art joined the board in 2023. He was born and raised in Charlottesville, where his mother spent her entire career as a public school teacher. Before retiring as Managing Director of Rental Housing at Virginia Housing, he served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation under Governor Jim Gilmore and as Deputy State Treasurer for the Virginia Department of the Treasury. Art is a recipient of the “Unsung Hero Award” from the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at VCU and the 2000 Patrick Henry Award for Public Service. He received his BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he won four varsity letters in lacrosse.



**Victoria Cartwright, Board Member**

Victoria joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2020. She describes herself as a passionate person who takes “tremendous opportunity in helping wherever I can.” She has over 15 years of experience in property management.



**Avnel Coates, Board Member**

Avnel joined the board in 2023. She has found herself in continuous service. She co-founded a nonprofit which assists distressed individuals and families to attain their professional and educational goals, Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today. She is a legal professional and adjunct professor. She attended and graduated from Northern VA Community College, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the University of Richmond's Law School. She is a licensed member of the Virginia State Bar. She serves in an active leadership role for multiple nonprofit organizations including Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today, Champions Circle, Hill Tucker Bar Association, and the Virginia Magistrates Association.



**Bessie Jackson, Board Member**

Bessie joined the board in 2024. She was born in Charlottesville and raised in Ivy. She comes from a large family consisting of three brothers and five sisters and is a divorced mother of two sons. Her family consists of a daughter-in-law and five grandchildren. She retired in 2019 from Giant Food Stores after 18 years of service. She has spent the last 3 years as a resident at Crozet Meadows, where she enjoys crafting, baking, and getting involved in trying to make a difference in our lives. She belongs to the Crozet Quilt Guild.



**Sarah McLean, Board Member**

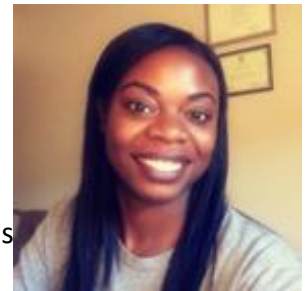
Sarah joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2023. She is a co-director of the Adivans Foundation and founder of the Early Childhood Funders Network. Sarah received both her BA and Master's of Nursing from UVA, and returned to live in the Charlottesville area in 2010. Since moving back, she has served on the board of ReadyKids, the Friendship Court Advisory Committee, and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Early Education Task Force. She is the proud mom of four wonderful kids and one very spoiled pup.

**Shawn Pendleton, Board Member**

Shawn joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2023. He was born and raised in Keswick and currently lives in northern Albemarle County with his lovely wife Letetia and their two amazing children, Amaya and Dante. He is currently the First Vice President of Investments for Stifel, a financial services company. Shawn enjoys working out, sporting events, and tinkering with new technology.

**Krystal Vest, Board Member**

Krystal joined the board of Piedmont Housing Alliance in 2021. She has a BA from Christopher Newport University and a master's from Liberty University. She has a background in mental health, behavioral health, substance abuse, and athlete mental performance building. She has experience with cognitive behavior therapy, crisis intervention, solution focused therapy, diagnostic assessments, and faith-based therapy. Krystal is passionate about the work and access of obtainable resources for people with disabilities and mental health needs.

**Ezhar Zahid, Board Member**

Ezhar joined the board in 2023. He serves as a Youth Ambassador for Piedmont Housing and has served as a member of the Park Design Committee and Rebranding Committee for Kindlewood. He is also a member of the Charlottesville City Youth Council. As a rising freshman and James Madison University, Ezhar is an engaged student studying engineering and innovation. In his free time he enjoys the outdoors and cookies.

