

## 2025 Board Member Updated Biographies

### **Kelli Brooks, Chair of Real Estate Committee**



*Managing Director of Finance*

*Urban Atlantic*

**Kelli Brooks** is a seasoned professional in project financing, currently serving as a key member of Urban Atlantic, where she manages the financial aspects of the company's investments and developments. With a strong background in financial analysis and underwriting, she oversees all aspects of investment and development opportunities, ensuring the successful structuring and financing of projects.

Ms. Brooks plays a pivotal role in underwriting and structuring the company's tax-based financing, including Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Since joining Urban Atlantic in 2008, she has successfully structured more than \$500 million in financing for development projects and deployed \$188 million in New Markets Tax Credits, leveraging over \$1 billion in real estate and operating businesses.

Before her tenure at Urban Atlantic, Ms. Brooks honed her skills as an analyst with Jones Lang LaSalle and as the Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer for Edwards Day Property Investments

**Dr. Ed Cabellon**



*Interim SVP, Student Affairs*

*Montgomery College*

**Dr. Cabellon** has 27 years of experience in student affairs and enrollment management, with a strong focus on student success. Known as a collaborative leader and data-informed change agent, he has earned an international reputation in digital technology and student engagement.

Before joining Montgomery College, Dr. Cabellon was Vice President of Enrollment Management at Curry College, where he led initiatives to boost enrollment and retention, including developing recruitment models and implementing a new advising system. He also served as Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management at Bristol Community College, where he spearheaded programs to improve enrollment and retention, including a first-year orientation program.

Dr. Cabellon holds a Bachelor's in Communication from Stonehill College, a Master's in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Johnson & Wales University.

**Dr. Stephen Cain**



*Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer*

*Montgomery College*

**Dr. Stephen Cain** has served as the Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer at Montgomery College since 2011, bringing nearly 30 years of experience at the institution in various teaching, administrative, and leadership roles. He has served as dean of multiple academic areas, including natural sciences, business, and information technology, and has held acting vice president roles. Dr. Cain began his career at Montgomery College as a part-time faculty member teaching chemistry.

In his current role, he leads efforts in strategic planning, student success, governance, policy development, and data-driven initiatives. He co-leads the Achieving the Dream data team to improve student outcomes and plays a key role in communicating with the Board of Trustees and external partners about the College's fiscal health and strategic priorities.

Dr. Cain's leadership spans across strategic planning, financial management, community relations, and educational innovation. He is also involved in various local boards and initiatives, including the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board and Silver Spring Green. He holds a bachelor's in natural sciences from Xavier University, an MS in chemistry from the University of Toledo, and a PhD in education/curriculum and instruction from the University of Maryland.

**Yum Yu Cheng, Esq.**



*Principal and General Counsel*

*United Solutions*

**Ms. Cheng** oversees the development and growth of the federal consulting business and leads the legal group for her company. With a strong commitment to community service, she has provided pro bono legal services through organizations such as the Foreclosure Prevention Pro Bono Project, the Homeless Persons Representation Project, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Tax Clinic. Additionally, she has served as a guest lecturer at The Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School.

Ms. Cheng's previous professional experience includes 14 years at Linowes and Blocher LLP. She is actively involved in various boards and community organizations, including the Monte Jade Science & Technology Association (Washington, DC Chapter), the Conference Planning Committee of the Asian

American Government Executives Network (AAGEN), and the Advisory Board and Membership Committee of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Washington District Council. She also serves on the Board of Directors and Programs Committee for Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Maryland Chapter, and the Judicial Selections Committee of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA), Maryland Chapter.

### **Sherwin Collette**

*SVP, Administrative and Fiscal Services*

*Montgomery College*

Sherwin Collette is a dedicated and results-oriented professional specializing in project management, business development, and strategic leadership. With a strong background in managing cross-functional teams and driving successful initiatives, Sherwin brings a solution-focused approach to every challenge.

Throughout his career, Sherwin has demonstrated exceptional skills in overseeing complex projects, ensuring timely delivery, and optimizing processes to achieve organizational goals. His expertise spans project lifecycle management, client relations, and continuous improvement, positioning him as a key driver of business success.

Known for his collaborative mindset and ability to adapt to changing environments, Sherwin consistently builds strong relationships with stakeholders and empowers teams to reach their full potential.

Outside of his professional commitments, Sherwin is passionate about personal growth, leadership development, and contributing to community-focused projects.

### **John Compton, Ph.D., Immediate Past Chair**



*Retired*

*Cofounder and Consultant of GeneDX*

**John Compton** is the retired Cofounder and Consultant of GeneDx, a company specializing in genetic testing for rare hereditary disorders. Before founding GeneDx with Dr. Sherri Bale, Ph.D., he worked as an investigator at the Jackson Laboratory and spent nine years as a senior scientist in the Genetics Studies Section of the NIAMS at the NIH. His pioneering work on the molecular genetics of inherited skin diseases and his expertise in laboratory methodology have earned him global recognition. GeneDx's mission is to make clinical testing accessible to individuals with rare genetic conditions and their families.

John also served as Vice President at BioReference Laboratories from 2006 to 2014. He is a former president of the Greater Gaithersburg Chamber of Commerce (GGCC).

Under his leadership, GeneDx received the TechnoRising Star Award from The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development at the Maryland Technology Showcase.

John holds a Ph.D. from the University of California and completed post-doctoral training at the Baylor College of Medicine. With over 20 years of experience, he has made significant contributions to the development and application of molecular biological techniques in genetics and epidermal differentiation.

#### **Allen P DeLeon, Vice Chair**



*Retired, Founding Partner*

*DeLeon & Stang, CPAs and Advisors*

**Allen DeLeon** is the founding partner of DeLeon & Stang, specializing in audit, tax, financial, and advisory services for businesses and not-for-profit organizations. With over 30 years of experience in the accounting profession, including 25 years in public accounting, Al has developed a deep understanding of the needs of both businesses and non-profits. In addition to his public accounting career, he spent six years in private industry as the controller and CFO for not-for-profit organizations.

Al is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, and New York. He also holds Series 6 and 66 Securities Registrations, a Maryland Insurance License, and is a Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) and Certified PIN Security Auditor.

Al has a strong presence in the professional community, serving as a Council Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and holding leadership roles within several organizations, including the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA), the District of Columbia Institute of Certified Public Accountants (DCICPA), the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), and the Maryland Association of Nonprofits (MANO). He is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), the Metropolitan Area Credit Union Management Association (MACUMA), and the Financial Executive Institute (FEI). Al serves on the Board of Directors of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce, where he holds multiple committee memberships.

Al graduated with honors from Hofstra University School of Business, earning a Bachelor of Business Science (BBS) degree in Accounting. His extensive experience in the not-for-profit sector, having served as controller, CFO, and auditor, provides him with the knowledge and expertise to advise clients on day-to-day operations, industry trends, and best practices. His well-rounded background allows him to offer invaluable guidance to organizations of all sizes, particularly in areas such as certified audit engagements, tax return preparation, and applications for exempt status and charitable organization filings.

### **Danielle Gabrish**



*Director, Clinical Biologics*

*Biopharmaceutical Development AstraZeneca*

**Danielle Gabrish** experienced senior leader with a proven track record of cultivating high-performing, diverse teams within the pharmaceutical industry, [Name] brings a deep understanding of key operational areas such as validation, process, and manufacturing. With a strong background in cGMP clinical and commercial environments, [Name] has excelled in overseeing multi-product facility startups and product licensure, consistently ensuring a sharp focus on regulatory compliance. Known for skillfully navigating interactions with regulatory agencies, [Name] has earned a reputation for excellence in this critical area.

Danielle is deeply committed to fostering lean practices across operations while driving strategic initiatives aimed at supply chain optimization, plant capacity enhancement, and talent development on both a local and global scale. By creating a collaborative and performance-driven environment, [Name] continues to lead transformative efforts that elevate operational effectiveness, enhance product quality, and contribute to long-term organizational growth.

**Angela Graham, Chair of Audit & Governance Committee**



*President & CEO*

*Quality Biological, Inc.*

**Angela Graham** is the President and CEO of Quality Biological, Inc. (QBI), a woman-owned Contract Development Manufacturing Organization with a 30-year history serving the BioHealth Capital region. Under her leadership, QBI has grown into an award-winning, multi-million-dollar business, delivering high-performance, high-quality custom products that support research, method and process validation, preclinical drug discovery, and large-scale production for commercialization. Angela brings expertise in marketing, organizational development, and change management to the company.

She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and has completed executive studies at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Angela is also actively involved with Montgomery College, where she serves as Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee for the Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology (PIC MC). She supports the Quality Biological Biotechnology Endowed Scholarship, which aids students in Biotechnology or related fields such as life sciences, chemistry, biology, engineering, and business with an interest in biotechnology.

**Steve Greenfield**



*VP for Workforce Development & Industry Partnerships*

*Montgomery College*

**Steve Greenfield** is the Vice President of Workforce Development & Industry Partnerships at Montgomery College, a role he has held since May 2005. With nearly two decades of experience in higher education and workforce development, he has played a critical role in shaping and advancing the college's workforce development initiatives. In this capacity, Steve is responsible for overseeing a wide range of programs and partnerships aimed at bridging the gap between education and industry, ensuring students are well-prepared for the workforce.

Throughout his tenure, he has fostered key industry relationships, driving successful collaborations and ensuring that Montgomery College remains at the forefront of workforce education. His leadership has been instrumental in the development of industry-specific training programs and partnerships that address the evolving needs of the local economy.

In July 2024, Steve was appointed Dean of Workforce Development, a position in which he continues to bring his expertise in workforce strategy, community engagement, and educational leadership to further enhance Montgomery College's impact on the region's workforce development landscape.

**Stephen Kaufman**





*Senior Partner Emeritus*

*Linowes and Blocher, LLP*

**Steve Kaufman** is Senior Partner Emeritus at Linowes and Blocher, LLP, a law firm based in Bethesda, MD. Prior to this, he was a partner at Maier & Warner Public Relations from 2000 to 2010. Steve holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Baltimore Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland.

Steve resides in Brookville with his wife, Sharon Lee Kaufman. He is a current member of the board for the Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology (PIC MC) and previously served as Chair of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2013. Appointed to the board in 2001, Steve was reappointed to a second six-year term.

**Manish Kothari**



*President & CEO*

*Sheladia Associates, Inc.*

**Manish Kothari** is the President and CEO of Sheladia Associates, Inc., an international architecture and engineering consulting firm based in Rockville, MD. Prior to founding Sheladia, he worked with Bechtel Corporation as an engineering specialist and as vice president in Austria. With over 30 years of experience in engineering, Manish has been involved in a wide range of transportation, bridge, highway, and building infrastructure projects, providing design, construction management, and technical assistance in both the U.S. and internationally.

Manish earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from India and a master's in civil engineering from the University of Michigan. He is an active member of FIDIC, an international standards organization for consulting engineering and construction, where he serves as Chair of the International Finance Committee and is a member of the Risk, Liability, and Quality Committee. He was Chair of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) in 2018-2019 and has also served as vice-chair on the ACEC Executive Committee. Additionally, Manish is a commissioner for the Maryland Economic Development Commission and a member of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Services and Finance Industries (ITAC-10) with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of United States Trade Representative.

In 2015, Manish received the World Trade Center Institute (WTICI) Maryland International Business Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions to global business.

#### **Margaret Latimer, Chair of Partnerships Committee**



*Retired, Vice President and Provost*

*Montgomery College, Germantown Campus*

**Margaret Latimer** is a dynamic leader with a proven track record in community outreach, strategic planning, and program management. With over a decade of experience driving impactful initiatives, Margaret excels in building partnerships, fostering engagement, and delivering measurable outcomes for diverse communities.

A certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Margaret combines advanced project management expertise with a hands-on approach to managing cross-functional teams and complex programs. She holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree, which underpin her strong analytical skills and commitment to continuous learning.

Margaret's career highlights include spearheading innovative outreach campaigns, designing sustainable community programs, and collaborating with stakeholders to align efforts with organizational goals. Her ability to inspire and lead others, coupled with her strategic mindset, has consistently resulted in successful initiatives that leave lasting impacts.

When Margaret isn't working on community-centered projects, she's likely exploring new ways to empower others and deepen her expertise in her field.

### **Prashant Panchal**



*Director, Business Planning and Operations*

*Biopharmaceutical Development AstraZeneca*

**Prashant Panchal** is the Vice President of Workforce Development & Industry Partnerships at Montgomery College, a position he has held since May 2005. With nearly 20 years of experience in higher education and workforce development, he has been instrumental in shaping and advancing the college's workforce development initiatives. In this role, he oversees a wide range of programs and partnerships designed to bridge the gap between education and industry, ensuring students are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed for the workforce.

Throughout his tenure, Prashant has fostered strong industry relationships, driving successful collaborations that align Montgomery College's offerings with the needs of local and regional employers. His leadership has been pivotal in the development of industry-specific training programs and partnerships, ensuring that the college remains responsive to the ever-changing demands of the job market. In July 2024, Prashant was appointed Dean of Workforce Development, continuing to bring his

expertise in workforce strategy, community engagement, and educational leadership to enhance the college's impact on workforce development and regional economic growth.

**Deidre Price**



*Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs/College Provost*

*Montgomery College*

**Dr. Price** has over two decades of experience in higher education, with a strong focus on student success, equity, and inclusion. She has taught both in-person and online classes, led academic programming, and worked with educational agencies, industry leaders, and community stakeholders.

Before joining Montgomery College, Dr. Price served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Northwest Florida State College, overseeing associate degree programs, workforce development, and a charter high school. She drove innovations in online learning, faculty development, and career education, while securing significant grants for program enhancements.

Dr. Price began her career as an adjunct faculty member and later served in leadership roles, including Director of Instructional Technology, Dean of Academic Strategies, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. She holds dual bachelor's degrees in English and philosophy, a master's degree in English from the University of South Alabama, and a Ph.D. in English from Florida State University, specializing in new media studies.

**Tony Spearman-Leach, Chair of Treasure's Committee**



*Director of Development and Philanthropy*

*The National Academy of Public Administration*

**Spearman Leach** is a seasoned professional with extensive expertise in finance, real estate, and business strategy. With a career spanning years of leadership in the private and public sectors, Spearman brings a results-driven approach to managing complex financial operations and driving organizational growth.

As a trusted advisor and strategist, Spearman has a proven ability to navigate challenges, streamline operations, and deliver innovative solutions that meet both short- and long-term goals. His experience in real estate development, investment analysis, and financial planning has enabled him to consistently exceed expectations and add value to stakeholders.

Beyond his technical expertise, Spearman is a passionate advocate for mentorship and leadership development. He believes in the power of collaboration and is committed to fostering inclusive environments where individuals and teams can thrive.

When he's not focused on business ventures, Spearman enjoys exploring opportunities to give back to his community and support initiatives that create sustainable impact.

**Gail Wasserman, Chair**



*Retired, Senior Vice President*

*Biopharmaceutical Development AstraZeneca*

**Dr. Gail Wasserman** is recently retired from AstraZeneca/MedImmune, where she was Senior Vice President of Biopharmaceutical Development leading the global organization responsible for biologics product development. Prior to joining AstraZeneca/MedImmune, Gail was engaged in natural products isolation and biopharmaceutical process development at GlaxoSmithKline. Gail holds a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Montclair State University and received a MS in biochemistry and a PhD in chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University.

Gail is the chair of the board of the Pickney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology at Montgomery College, serves on the advisory committee of the Greater Washington Community Foundation in Montgomery County, and is a consultant in the biotechnology industry. Gail previously served as a member of the Visiting Committee for Advanced Technology for the National Institute for Standards and Technology, and the Biopharmaceutical Innovation Board of the University of Delaware. She received the Outstanding Science Alumni Award and the Alumni Fellow Award from The Pennsylvania State University and was named as a PharmaVOICE 100 most inspiring leader in the life-sciences industry.

**Kristine Warner**



*Managing Partner*

*Maier & Warner Public Relations & Marketing*

**Kris Warner** is the Managing Partner at Maier & Warner Public Relations & Marketing, bringing over 30 years of experience in marketing communications and public relations. She has expertise in a wide range of areas within corporate communications and previously served as the head of corporate communications for a national retail company. Kris has also owned Warner Marketing and Communications and worked as the Director of Corporate Communications at Federal Realty Investment Trust.

Kris holds a degree in Finance from the University of Maryland, University College, and an Associate's degree in Marketing Management from Montgomery College. She has earned professional certificates

from the International Association of Business Communicators and the Ragan Communications Media Relations Institute.

In addition to her professional work, Kris is an active volunteer, serving as a board member for The Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science & Technology at Montgomery College, The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, and The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce.

### **Doug Wrenn**



*Retired Principal*

*Rodgers Consulting, Inc.*

**Doug Wrenn** is a highly accomplished Principal at Rodgers Consulting, Inc., where he plays a pivotal role in providing innovative and comprehensive consulting services. The firm is renowned for its unwavering commitment to integrity, community responsibility, and excellence in planning and design, values Doug has helped instill through his leadership. With a strong focus on delivering exceptional results for clients, Doug's work is built on a foundation of creating sustainable, impactful solutions that drive positive change within communities.

Outside of his professional achievements, Doug has made significant contributions to the local business community. He served on the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce board, where his leadership and dedication led to him being named chair in 2011. Doug's expertise and passion for urban development also led him to be named co-chair of the Organizing Committee for the Urban Land Institute's Washington Regional Land Use Leadership Institute initiative in 2011, where he was instrumental in fostering collaboration and thought leadership around regional land use issues.

Doug holds a Master of Landscape Architecture from North Carolina State University, and his academic background, combined with years of hands-on experience, continues to inform his approach to both planning and community-focused design. Through his work and community involvement, Doug has earned a reputation as a trusted advisor and a passionate advocate for thoughtful, sustainable development.

**Student Board Members:**

**Sofia Perez**

**Misale Endrias**