

# Pittsburgh Branch Board of Directors

January 2026



**Kathy Wilson Humphrey** | Chair, Pittsburgh Branch  
*President, Carlow University | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System | Sector Representation: Education

Carlow University is a private coeducational Catholic university grounded in the liberal arts and known for excellence in health sciences and for offering strong professional programs. Dr. Humphrey is a member of the boards of directors of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Leadership Pittsburgh Inc., Riverlife, Gwen's Girls, and Blood Science Foundation. She also serves on the executive committee of the International Women's Forum of Pittsburgh and is chair of the Forbes Funds. Previously, she was a member of the Advisory Council for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.



## Gene Boyer III

*Commercial Real Estate Advisor, SVN | Three Rivers Commercial Advisors, and General Manager, A.R. Construction, LLC | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System | Sector Representation: Real Estate and Construction

SVN | Three Rivers Commercial Advisors provides commercial real estate brokerage services in the areas of commercial and investment properties throughout the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area. A.R. Construction, LLC is a specialty interior construction company that provides turnkey furnish and install construction services in conjunction with its sister company Reed Building Supply for commercial and multifamily construction projects in Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas. Mr. Boyer serves on the boards of Life'sWork of Western PA. He is a past member of the boards of directors of the Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania, the Allegheny YMCA, and the Ace Mentor Program of Western Pennsylvania.



## Earl Buford

*President, CAEL | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Board of Directors | Sector Representation: Nonprofit/Business Group

CAEL helps organizations succeed by providing expertise, resources, and solutions that effectively support adult learners as they navigate on- and off-ramps between education and employment. Mr. Buford serves on the boards of Bridgeway Behavioral Health, Hear Foundation, Catalyst Connection, National Fund for Workforce Solutions, Bridgeway Capital (CDFI), and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. He is also serves on advisory board of the Alliance for Adult Education.



## Christina A. Cassotis

*Chief Executive Officer, Allegheny County Airport Authority | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Board of Directors | Sector Representation: Transportation

The Allegheny County Airport Authority is a municipal authority in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, that oversees and maintains the Pittsburgh International Airport and Allegheny County Airport. Ms. Cassotis is a board member of S&T Bancorp, US Travel Association, and a member of International Aviation Womens Association (IAWA).

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## **Sanjay Chopra**

*Chief Executive Officer, Cognistx | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

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Cognistx is a Pittsburgh-based applied artificial intelligence (AI) company that builds multistrategy AI systems for businesses across the United States. Cognistx creates AI-powered computer systems that can sense, learn, and act. Mr. Chopra serves on the board of Chatham University. He is also an adjunct professor of ecommerce at Carnegie Mellon University.



## **Rob Cochran**

*Chair and Chief Executive Officer, #1 Cochran | Monroeville, Pennsylvania*

Appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Sector Representation: Wholesale and Retail Trade

#1 Cochran is among the nation's largest automotive dealership groups, representing 36 new-vehicle franchises and 20 brands across western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. Mr. Cochran is vice chair and member of the board of directors of the National Automobile Dealers Association. He also serves on the boards of the Pennsylvania Automotive Association, Greater Pittsburgh Automobile Dealers Association, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Public Theater, Rosedale Technical College, and Shady Side Academy



## **Nishan J. Vartanian**

*Chairman, MSA Safety Incorporated | Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania*

Appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Board of Directors | Sector Representation: Manufacturing

MSA Safety Incorporated is a global leader in the development, manufacture, and supply of safety products that protect people and facility infrastructures. Mr. Vartanian serves on the board of trustees for the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI), the International Associates of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Foundation, the Senator John Heinz History Center, and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development (ACCD). He also serves as director of the Duquesne Club, Highmark Health, and Koppers Holdings.