

Pittsburgh Branch Board of Directors

January 2024



Vera Krekanova | Chair, Pittsburgh Branch

Chief Strategy and Research Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System | Sector Representation: Consumer/Community

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development is a nonprofit, private-sector leadership organization dedicated to economic development and quality-of-life issues for a 10-county region in southwestern Pennsylvania. Ms. Krekanova is responsible for coordinating all quantitative and qualitative research, championing the use of data and information across the organization, and framing the messaging around the conditions of the region's economy. She serves on the board of the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative.



Gene Boyer III

Brokerage Advisor, NAI Burns Scalo | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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

NAI Burns Scalo specializes in developing, building, leasing, and managing luxury commercial and mixed-use real estate in the western Pennsylvania area. Mr. Boyer serves on the board of Life'sWork of Western PA. He is a past member of the boards of directors of Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania, Ace Mentor Program of Western Pennsylvania and Allegheny YMCA.



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).



Sanjay Chopra

Chief Executive Officer, Cognistx | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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

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.

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Kathy Wilson Humphrey

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.



Nishan J. Vartanian

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, 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.
