

Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin, Chair

Cecilia is an Economic Development Specialist and Urban Planner, who owns her own small business, AISDevelopment (www.ais-development.com), designing, planning and managing international development programs in over 50 countries around the world, working toward equitable and sustainable socio-economic change. Presently Cecilia is working on education initiatives with the cities of Bogota and Cali, Colombia; youth crime and violence prevention El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and the Caribbean. She is also advising the Hopi Tribe on economic development and water rights, and recently competed work on decentralization in Kosovo and federalization in Nepal.

This is Cecilia's third year as a member of the BAC, and the first serving as Chair. She has served as an Election Officer in Arlington County, appointed member of the Career Center Working Group, and as a volunteer member of the evaluation committee for IREX's Community Solutions Grant program. Cecilia is a member of the Society for International Development and the American Planning Association. She has lived and owned property in Arlington since 1999, and is married with a daughter in 9th grade at Wakefield High School. Cecilia holds a Bachelor degree in History from Williams College; a Master in International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA); and a Master in Sustainable Urban Planning at George Washington University (2016). She grew up in the Philippines and Panama, and speaks fluent Spanish. Cecilia is an NCAA All-American swimmer.

Bob Ramsey, Vice Chair

Bob works for the Department of Defense, writing and implementing policy and legislation that affects how the Department acquires Information Systems. Bob already retired from the Air Force in 2007 after a 27-year career in acquisition and is now getting anxious to retire from his DoD civilian career. Bob is also managing a nascent winery and vineyard in Nelson County near Wintergreen Resort. Most weekends are consumed with this third career. The winery is named "Caihailian" after his three kids—see below. Bob is commencing his third year on the Budget Advisory Council. He previously served six years (the last two as co-chair) on the Gifted Services Advisory Committee of the Academic Advisory Council. He also served for six years on the Executive Committee (as Secretary) for Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. At HFHNV, Bob devised a new formula to modify how properties vest to the homeowner during times of rapidly rising home values.

Bob holds a BS Mechanical Engineering from University of Maryland; an MBA from University of West Florida; a JD from American University; and a Master of National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Bob is married to Anne, a Navy contractor working at the Carderock research lab. They have three children who are all stellar products of the APS. Cailin graduated cum laude (2017) one year early from Christopher Newport University with a BS in marketing. Hailey is a Junior at the College of William and Mary studying neuroscience and intending to continue elsewhere for a PhD. Iain is an amazingly smart Junior at Washington Lee HS in the International Baccalaureate program (as were his sisters) and he spends 20 hours each week on competitive gymnastics. He is currently targeting a degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia.

Dan Rosman

Dan has worked for the past 13 years in capital markets roles for E*Trade Bank and National Cooperative Bank. His roles have included fixed income and derivative trading, financial planning and analysis, accounting, portfolio management and process automation. Dan is in his fifth year on the BAC. He is also serving in his second year as President of Congregation Etz Hayim after being Treasurer for the prior five years. Dan and his wife, Elisa, have lived in the Bluemont neighborhood since 2001. He has four children at four different Arlington public schools this year: a junior at Washington-Lee, a freshman at Yorktown, a 7th grader at Swanson, and a 3rd grader at McKinley. He is passionate about ensuring the financial stability and stewardship of APS.

Gianmaria Vanzulli

Gianmaria is an Engineer who has been working for international companies and institutions in business planning, budgeting, accounting and finance for more than ten years. He has been living in Arlington since 2010.

Heather Jones

Heather is the Senior Counsel for Financial Disclosure at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. She completes the ethics and financial review for each non-military executive branch Presidential nominee in a Senate confirmed position. Prior to this position, she was a Senior Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics and was a securities lawyer at WilmerHale for 9 years. Heather served on the Arlington County Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee for four years, as President for Clarendon Child Care Center for three years and had other board positions. She also served as Treasurer and VP of Programming for the Long Branch PTA. Heather has lived in Arlington since 2000 and in Lyon Park since 2005. She has two children, a 2nd and 4th grader, who attend Long Branch Elementary School.

Jenn Wagener

Jenn is currently in the process of transitioning to a new professional role. For the last 15+ years, Jenn served in various executive and leadership roles for Hobsons, Inc. in Arlington. Hobsons is an education software company offering college and career readiness solutions to K-12 institutions like Arlington and Fairfax Counties. Jenn's most recent role was Vice President of Operations, where she led key corporate projects, executed M&A transactions and managed the company's internal enterprise software systems. During her tenure at Hobsons, Jenn also managed customer relationships, sales operations, financial forecasting and reporting, and product initiatives. Prior to Hobsons, Jenn worked for a start-up initiative with the US Chamber of Commerce helping small businesses operate more cost-efficiently using online tools and services. Jenn began her career at JP Morgan providing financing for primarily media & telecommunications companies. Jenn is married and has two children, both third graders at McKinley Elementary. Jenn is involved in the many activities at McKinley, both those in the classroom and with the PTA. Jenn and her husband both played competitive sports in college, so sports activities keep the Wagener household busy on most nights of the week.

Lars Florio

Lida Anestidou

Dr. Lida Anestidou is Senior Program Officer in the Division on Earth and Life Studies of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. In this role she oversees a portfolio of international projects on scientific integrity, responsible science, and ethics in the Middle East/North Africa and South and Southeast Asia. She also is responsible for policy, ethics and practices regarding the care, use and welfare of laboratory animals. After completing her doctorate in biomedical sciences at the University of Texas Graduate School at Houston, and before coming to Washington, DC, Dr. Anestidou was faculty at Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society. Dr. Anestidou also holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, having studied and worked as a veterinarian both in Greece (her home country) and the Netherlands.

Dr. Anestidou and her husband, Mr. Takis Karantonis, moved to Arlington in 2007. Since then she has served as a member of the Superintendent's Accountability and Evaluation Committee (committee sun-setted), the Parent Advisory Committee of the Arlington Career Center, and is a current member of the Budget Advisory Council. In 2018 Dr. Anestidou was appointed to the Career Center Working Group. Together with Ms. Laura Saul-Edwards Dr. Anestidou is the co-chair of the 2018 Support the School Bond campaign.

Matthew de Ferranti

Matt serves as Legislative Director for the National Indian Education Association, developing, directing, and implementing the organization's work to improve educational outcomes for Native students. In Arlington, Matt is Vice Chair of the Housing Commission, and on the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission. He also is an alumnus of Leadership Arlington and of Arlington's Neighborhood College class of 2017. Matt previously worked at the Education Trust, where he served as Director of Legislative Affairs during the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which culminated in enactment of the "Every Student Succeeds Act." Matt's also worked for Feeding America, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, and served as an attorney for cities and school districts in California and Texas. Matt does not have children, but cares very much about Arlington and

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APS. He lives in Courthouse in a condominium, where he has lived since moving from DC in 2013. Matt grew up in McLean and began his career teaching elementary school through Teach for America in Houston's Fifth Ward.

Matthew Hochstein

Matt serves as a Director of Market Strategy and Market Implementation at Hagerty Consulting, where he supports clients in preparing for and recovering from disasters. Matt has led large consulting engagements, including a catastrophic planning project for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's first multi-state/multi-region effort, and more recently, the State of North Carolina's implementation strategy for a \$200M HUD disaster grant. Previously, Matt has had a career in management consulting, working at Deloitte Consulting as a Manager in the Strategy and Operations practice area. There he led a Project Management Office for the modernization of a cabinet level agency's grant platform. Matt also worked in Strategic Change Management at Credit Suisse USA where he implemented operational efficiency-based projects in Credit Suisse's cash securities group. Finally, Matt's first consulting role was with Public Consulting Group, Inc., where he managed third party liability/financial recovery contracts for multiple State Medicaid Agencies. This is Matt's first role within Arlington County. Matt is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). He received a Master of Business Administration from the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, and, a Bachelor of Arts, Government, from Wesleyan University (CT). He lives in Arlington with his wife and two children, Sienna and Cole.

David Rosenblatt

Christina Diaz-Torres

Juan Gordon, Sr.

Juan O. Gordon, Sr., 56 years old and a native of Jackson, Mississippi. I am married (Aneka) and the father of three children (Juan Jr. (25) Chelsea (18), and Timothy (11-Illinois)) and father to my step daughter, Kayla Bankhead. My wife and step daughter and I joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist (MB) Church. Juan serves as a Grants Management Specialist for the Office of Grants Management, with the Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Washington DC. He has over 35 years of Grants, Financial and Auditing experience. He has performed a range of coordinating, supportive, and leadership duties and responsibilities. Formerly, Grants Management Officer in Atlanta, GA, the Audit Resolution Team Leader in Washington, DC, and a Financial Operations Specialist in Region IV, in Atlanta, Georgia. Furthermore, he was a participant in the ACF 21st Century Leadership Program for 2012, former 2011 Excellence in Government Fellow, a former recipient of the 2011 Assistant Secretary's Exemplary Leadership Award, 2003 Assistant Secretary's Employee Excellence and a former 1999 National Head Start Fellow. He is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Alcorn State University, in Alcorn, Mississippi and a Master's in Public Administration from Troy State University, in Troy, Alabama.

Sheila Leonard

Melanie Bowen

Melanie Bowen is an entrepreneurial leader focused on innovation in education. She is currently an executive at EAB Global (formerly a vision of The Advisory Board Company), developing innovative technology products and services to support colleges and universities in increasing their graduation rates and better preparing their students for success in life. Until recently, Melanie served on the board Creative Minds International Public Charter School in Washington, DC for over four years, including three years as Chair. Before joining The Advisory Board Company, Melanie was based in New Delhi, India, where she focused on growing and strengthening social businesses, especially in the education space, as an entrepreneur, an advisor, and a board member. Melanie

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also served on the Board of Governors of the highly-respected American Embassy School in New Delhi. Before moving to India in 2008, Melanie was the General Manager of the consumer health website RevolutionHealth.com, anchor property in the Revolution Health Network, launched by Steve Case. Previously, Melanie was an Executive Vice President at Discovery Communications where she worked to launch and grow their education business, rolling out digital education products to over two-thirds of American schools. Melanie's experience spans Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States, and also includes time with McKinsey & Company, the U.S. Department of State, and PriceWaterhouse (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers). Melanie holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College.

APS School Board

Tannia Talento

Tannia Talento joined the Arlington County School Board on January 1, 2017. She is a longtime advocate for schools and the community and has previously served on several key Arlington Public Schools citizen committees, including the Career Center Parent Advisory Committee, the joint county and schools Facility Study Committee, the Superintendent's Master Planning Working Group, and the ESOL/HILT Citizen's Advisory Committee. She also served on the Advisory Council on Instruction as Vice Chair and liaison to the Budget and Math Advisory Committees. Tannia was born and raised in the D.C. area, and is a proud Latina American born to immigrant parents from Guatemala and is fluent in English and Spanish. Tannia spent 15 years in the legal field as key support staff in major corporate and international law firms, and worked her way from a file clerk in a Crystal City firm to a Legal Secretary at Skadden, Arps, Meagher and Flom, LLP. Tannia has served on the Board of Directors for Challenging Racism Through Stories and Conversations. Currently, Tannia is a Board Member for The Dream Project and a member of the Arlington NAACP chapter. She continues to encourage others to get involved at any level with their community, whether it be volunteering with non-profits, through civic engagement on advisory boards, committees or commissions, or volunteering with local neighborhood and community programs. Tannia lives in Arlington with her husband, Gary, and blended family of five children including three stepsons, a son and a daughter, all who have graduated from or are currently attending Arlington Public Schools.

APS Staff

Leslie Peterson

Leslie Peterson is the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Management Services for APS. Prior to her appointment Leslie was Budget Director for APS, leading the creation of an online budget balancing tool, the Citizen's Guide to Budget Documents, and Spanish community budget fora for Arlington's Spanish-speaking community. She has 20 years of experience as a professional in the field of school finance and business management. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Virginia and a Master in Business Administration from George Mason University. She has held several positions in the field of school finance, ranging from manager of procurement to executive director of finance and management. While serving as APS Budget Director, Peterson has received several awards and recognition for her work in the finance and management field that include the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Meritorious Budget Award and Pinnacle of Achievement Award from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO).

Tameka Lovett-Miller

Tameka Lovett-Miller is Budget Director for APS.