

## 2017 Board of Directors Nominees

### New Board Nominees:

**1. Dawn J. Anuszkiewicz** is Chief Executive Officer of Ochsner Baptist. She holds a Master of Health Services Administration from the George Washington University School of Business, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Rutgers University, Douglass College. Prior to joining Ochsner, Dawn served as Chief Operating Officer, Saint Louis University Hospital. In 2016, New Orleans CityBusiness – recognized Dawn as a Women of the Year Class of 2016 Honoree. She was the recipient of the Emergency Nurses Association – Greater St. Louis Chapter 2012 Community Service Award.

**2. Seth Levine** is a business lawyer, with a degree in finance, and licensed Louisiana real estate broker with a decade of experience guiding clients through commercial transactions that are often complex and crucial to a company's success. A partner in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP, Levine works with exploration and production, hospitality, real estate development, and manufacturing companies as well as national and local lenders. A member of the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources practice in the firm's New Orleans office, his practice involves a wide range of energy matters and he has extensive experience in project financing, land acquisitions, servitude acquisitions and all other real estate matters, including all aspects of real estate due diligence and title matters, hydrocarbon processing, handling and transportation agreements, master service contracts for offshore and onshore oilfield services and equipment, and energy infrastructure projects, including LNG facilities, pipelines, storage facilities and floating production systems.

**3. Demetric M. Mercadel** has several passions, but her top three include family, community service and political activism. Demetric has more than 35 years of experience in the accounting, finance and planning fields with responsibilities ranging from basic operations, administrative accounting, preparing variance analysis reports and special projects. Demetric currently is public affairs, senior customer service specialist, for Entergy New Orleans, Inc. In this post, she develops working relationships with the City of New Orleans and with the New Orleans delegation of the state legislators and supports strategic regulatory, energy efficiency and energy policy initiatives. Demetric is a proud New Orleanian-born and raised in the 7th Ward—who works with numerous community organizations such as president of the board of directors of the French Market Corporation and of the Upper Pontalba Building Association, president of the Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church Pastoral Council and recently completed the coordination and development of the Corpus Christi- Epiphany Neighborhood Community Center in the 7th Ward; past president of the board of directors of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc.; former president and now vice-president of the board of directors of St. Augustine High School, currently serving as board secretary; board member of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and much more.

**4. Darby Shields** is an avid biker and regular user of the Lafitte Greenway Bikeway. He is a member of the Friends of the Lafitte Greenway since 2015 and has supported many activities. Mr. Shields started an aerospace engineering company in 1982, sold the business and moved to New Orleans in 2015. He has served on boards for the Boys and Girls Club and the High Street Theater Foundation in California, with experience as President and Treasurer and raising funds for 501c organizations. He has a special interest in expanding the bike path to City Park and insuring safety on the cross streets.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Term Nominees:

### 5. Susannah Burley

*Member of the Growing the Greenway, Planning & Design, and Greenway Soirée Committees*

Susannah Burley lives in Mid-City off of Broad Street with her husband and son. She is an Atlanta native, spent eight years in Los Angeles film industry, and is proud to call New Orleans home for the second and final time. Burley is trained as a landscape architect, worked as program director from 2012-16 at Parkway Partners, and founded Sustaining Our Urban Landscape (SOUL) in June of 2016. She is thrilled to be working with the Greenway board on this incredible project, and hopes to bring her skills and passions to her position, as well as her experience utilizing similar green spaces in other cities.

### 6. Antonia Keller

*Member of the Fund Development, Greenway Soirée, and Hike Committees*

Antonia Keller serves as Director of Operations for Emeril Lagasse Foundation, which supports educational initiatives for children in the areas of nutrition, life skills development and cultural enrichment. She joined the foundation in 2006 to participate in the recovery of her native New Orleans, and previously she worked in the special events industry in Dallas, Las Vegas and New Orleans. Antonia is a past member of the advisory board for Special Events Magazine. A graduate of LSU, she is a Mid-City resident and enjoys bike riding for recreation.

### 7. Mary Matthews

*Board Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair*

Mary serves as Executive Director of 504ward, a collaborative initiative (housed at the New Orleans Business Alliance) to retain talented young professionals in New Orleans by providing access to jobs, leadership, social connectivity, and opportunities of all shapes and colors. After attending Sewanee in Tennessee for her undergraduate degree and University of Grenoble in France for a master's degree in International Development, Mary returned to New Orleans to contribute to the development of a more sustainable and equitable city. She was inspired by projects like the Lafitte Greenway and resurgence of the French language in New Orleans. Previously, As the marketing and development director of the Alliance Francaise de la Nouvelle-Orléans, a nonprofit French language and cultural center, Mary worked to promote the appreciation and preservation of New Orleans' unique Francophone culture. Mary is an advocate of bikeable and walkable communities, foreign language education and the preservation of her neighborhood, the historic French Quarter.

### 8. Andreanecia M. Morris

*Chair of the Planning & Design Committee and Greenway Soirée Committee*

Andreanecia Morris serves as the Executive Director for HousingNOLA, a 10-year public private partnership working to solve New Orleans' affordable housing crisis. The 10-year Strategy and Implementation Plan, released in 2015, indicates the need for 33,600 additional housing opportunities by 2025. Morris has worked to create affordable housing opportunities in the Greater New Orleans Area in both the public and private sector--creating opportunities for approximately 500 families to become first time homebuyers after Hurricane Katrina. She was lead organizer for the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) when it started in 2007 as collaborative coalition of non-profit housing builders and community development corporations. In 2016, UNITY of Greater New Orleans named Morris Outstanding Advocate for Affordable Housing, *BIZ New Orleans Magazine* named Morris one of the Top 10 Influencers in Real Estate and Urban Conservancy and Stay Local named her to its 2016 Urban Heroes Class.

### 9. Rev. Dr. Dwight Webster

*Member of the Finance Committee*

Dwight Webster has been the Senior and Founding Pastor of Christian Unity Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana for more than twenty-five years. While living in and commuting from the San Francisco Bay Area, he worked with Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and was under watchcare at Allen Temple Baptist Church. In 2005 Rev. Webster formed with Civil Rights veteran, C.T. Vivian, Churches Supporting Churches, a post-Katrina long-term recovery organization for pastors, churches and community in New Orleans. Currently, he serves as Executive Director. He also co-founded the Jeremiah Group, a broad-based, faith-based ecumenical organization. Rev. Webster has served on the faculties of Tulane University, Loyola University and its Institute of Ministry, Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies and Delgado Community College in New Orleans. He served as the Director of the Southern University at New Orleans Center for African and African American Studies for seven years. His first New Orleans appointment was University Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion at Dillard University. Rev. Webster was the Interim Director and Interim Dean of the Program of Black Church Studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary in Rochester, New York. He also taught at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.