

2024 – 2025 Advisory Committee Bios

Shawn Baker returns to Advisory after serving as a Committee member, Secretary and Chair during his 2020 to 2023 appointment. Shawn is a Town Meeting Member representing Precinct F. Shawn is an attorney who retired as a principal after 32 years with PwC. Shawn advised financial services clients on a variety of topics including product structure, mergers and complex financial instruments. Shawn led PwC's national mutual funds tax practice for 25 years. Shawn is a member of the American Bar Association's Sections on Business Law, and Taxation. He served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Tax Section's Committee on Investment Management. Shawn has a B.A. in Business from Loyola University Maryland and a J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Shawn and his wife Beth have lived in Wellesley for over 30 years. Their five children attended Hunnewell School, WMS and WHS. Shawn and Beth serve on the board of the Julie Fund for Women's Cancers.

Mark Benjamin is a biotechnology industry professional with 30 years of industry experience in the Boston/Cambridge, Boulder CO and Seattle, WA biotech communities. He and his wife Amy have lived in Wellesley for 16 years, having returned to Massachusetts for a second life here, after both living in Jamaica Plain as newly married students in the 1980s. Mark has a Doctor of Science degree from Harvard University and has served as bench scientist, Research director, VP of Business Development, Chief Business Officer, Chief Executive Officer and President in a series of startup biotech companies. He currently serves as President and Executive VP of Business Development at Cyrus Biotechnology, a leading protein engineering company founded at the University of Washington. While in Seattle, Mark also served as chair pro-tem of the University of Washington Institutional Review Board, reviewing clinical trials applications managed at the institution.

Mark and Amy have a strong focus on volunteerism – Amy manages the kitchen at TBE Table – a meal service volunteer organization housed and funded through Temple Beth Elohim – where they are both members - which produces 900+ packaged meals each month for delivery to food insecure communities in the greater Boston area. Mark and Amy are both mentors in the Partakers organization – and have worked for the past 6 years with incarcerated men who are enrolled in the college behind bars Batchelor's degree program run by Emerson college. With their first mentee having graduated at MCI Concord, a second mentee is now working through the program at MCI Norfolk.

Mark and Amy are avid cyclists and hikers – taking rides from their back door out into the many routes west of Wellesley and hiking in the White Mountains or in the canyons of Southern California's deserts near Palm Springs when visiting family.

Mark has serves as a Town Meeting member for 3 years, representing precinct D.

Mark and Amy have two sons in their 20s who attended elementary and middle schools in Wellesley. One lives nearby in Brighton and one in San Francisco.

Jason (Jay) Bock has been a Wellesley resident since 2018 and serves as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct B. Jay lives on Weston Road with his son, who attended PAWS, Hunnewell, and will attend WMS in Fall 2024, and his wife Miriam, who works as a professor of education. In his professional life, Jay is an information technology director and educator at Brimmer and May School in Chestnut Hill. In that position, he leads and manages all aspects of the school's technology budget, infrastructure, and cybersecurity posture. In previous roles at Brimmer, he has served as a teacher across the grade span instructing courses such as AP® Computer Science and web design. Additionally, Jay has taught secondary mathematics at public and independent schools in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut,

and California. Jay earned his Master's of Educational Technology degree from the University of San Francisco, and a B.S. in Business Administration from La Salle University.

Jay grew up on Cape Cod, and inherited his avid interest in local government from his father who was involved in Cape politics as a school committee member. Outside of work, Jay enjoys spending time with his family, especially when they are traveling, hiking, and playing board games.

Hanna Bonin is an IT professional who moved to Wellesley in 2020, accompanied by her partner and mini schnauzer, Albie. Hanna's professional journey has been enriched by her role at ActBlue, a prominent organization dedicated to empowering grassroots activism through innovative fundraising technology. As an IT Director within ActBlue, Hanna contributes her skills and knowledge to optimize the organization's business operations. Her role involves implementing cutting-edge systems, managing access and procurement for numerous SaaS applications, and ensuring the security and efficiency of IT infrastructure. Equipped with certifications in cybersecurity, Scrum product ownership, and information technology, Hanna remains at the forefront of industry advancements.

Hanna and her partner spend their time on their 1.5 acres of wetlands, gardening and watching the turtles, river otters, and our neighborhood groundhog "Bob." Hanna is community-minded, serving two years as a Commonwealth Corp. member and volunteering for various causes. She cares deeply about climate change and advocates for a greener, more inclusive future.

Christina Whiting Dougherty has lived in Wellesley for the past 24 years with her husband Darin and their two children Emma and Will. Emma and Will both attended Fiske School, WMS, and WHS. Christina grew up in Dover, MA and attended Dana Hall School in Wellesley. Christina holds a BS in Psychology from St. Lawrence University and an MBA from Boston University Questrom School of Business with a concentration in Healthcare Management.

After college Christina worked at Bear Stearns and Co., and then on to Massachusetts General Hospital as an inpatient Operations Manager. Over the years while raising her kids, Christina served on the PTO boards at Fiske, WMS, and WHS. Christina has also been very involved in many community organizations. She served on the alumnae board at Dana Hall for 4 years. She was an active member of Wellesley Junior Women's Organization, Wellesley Education Foundation, and National Charity League, co-chairing various committees in each of the organizations. Christina is also a member of The Vincent Club of Boston and has served as treasurer of Noanett Garden Club for 8 years.

Christina has been a Wellesley Town Meeting member for Precinct H since 2018. She currently is a substitute teacher at Tenacre Country Day School.

Philip Jameson has been a financial counselor with GW&Wade in Wellesley for the past 35 years. Phil has provided personal financial, investment and tax advice to individuals and families to help them develop and implement strategies to meet their financial objectives. After college at Harvard, an MBA at Columbia, becoming a CPA while at Coopers & Lybrand, and then a financial analyst, Phil earned his Masters in Taxation from Bentley and began his career in the financial services industry. Phil also has served on the Investment Committees of Boston Arts Academy and the Boston Archdiocese Clergy Trust, and will soon begin volunteering at Literations, coaching elementary school students to improve their reading skills.

Phil grew up in Boston and has lived in Wellesley for the past 37 years with his wife Ann Carter, who is a communication consultant. Ann has served on numerous non-profit boards and currently is Board Chair at William James College. They recently moved to Ann's childhood home in Precinct H – originally purchased by her grandfather a century ago.

Ann and Phil have two grown daughters – both of whom were educated in the Wellesley public schools, and now (thankfully!) live in the Boston area.

Kenneth Largess is a Senior Vice President and the Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of Abrams Capital, a role he has held since joining the firm in 2010. Before joining Abrams Capital, Mr. Largess was an Executive Director at Morgan Stanley, where he provided legal coverage to various institutional securities businesses. Earlier in his career, Mr. Largess was an associate at Bingham McCutchen. He holds a B.S. from Bryant College and a law degree from Boston College Law School. Mr. Largess grew up in Shrewsbury, MA, and has been a resident of Wellesley for 14 years, where he lives with his wife and three children. He is a former member of the Fiske School Council and has coached various youth sports teams during his time in Wellesley.

Jay Prosnitz is a retired primary care physician. He worked in Milford, MA for 33 years. In addition to serving his patients, he was closely involved with Physician Peer Review and Medical Records. He also served as an IS liaison with Milford Regional Hospital, its medical staff and his affiliated medical group over a number of years as the Hospital and its physicians transitioned from paper to electronic medical records.

Since retirement Jay has become involved as a volunteer in Wellesley. For many years he worked with the NRC and DPW on the Fuller Brook Park Project and then organized volunteer park cleanups and efforts to control invasive species in the Fuller Brook Park. He also advocated for successful safety improvements at Crosswalks.

Subsequently Jay became an active member of the Wellesley Trails Committee, (an appointed committee under the Natural Resources Commission) which is responsible for developing new trails and maintaining and enhancing the trails network in Wellesley. He was recently chair of the committee until July 2023 when he started his term on the Advisory Committee. Jay has been a Town Meeting Member in Precinct F since 2022.

Jay graduated Wesleyan University with a BA in Chemistry in 1975. He then obtained his Medical Degree in 1980 at the University of Rochester School of Medicine in Rochester, NY. Jay completed his residency at U Mass School of Medicine in Worcester, and then began his medical practice in Milford, MA in 1983.

Jay and his wife Mary first lived in Wellesley on Curve St. and then moved to their current home on Tappan Rd. in 1984. Jay and Mary have two adult sons who were enrolled in the Wellesley Public Schools. Jay and Mary are active members of Temple Beth Elohim where Jay was part of the adult Bar Mitzvah class of 2019 and has volunteered at TBE Table, preparing meals for food insecure people in our community.

Patti Quigley recently retired from a 35-year career in the financial and non-profit sectors. Her experience includes executive positions in various national commercial lending institutions and international consulting firms; board member and executive director positions for various local, national and international non-profits concentrating in girls educational, fundraising and leadership rolls.

Patti has lived in Wellesley for 22 years where her two daughters attended the Wellesley Public Schools. She is a longtime Town Meeting Member, a former member of the town's School Committee and has sat on the Advisory Committee prior to the current appointment on the same committee. As part of these appointments, she has worked diligently with the Select Board, NRC, Planning Board, Recreation Committee, Sustainability Committee, to name a few, and has a very good understanding of the processes and procedures in Wellesley.

Patti also supports other public service groups and non-profit organizations in her community. She is a founding board member of the National Charity League Wellesley Chapter, past co-president of the Wellesley Education Foundation, has participated in 18 Pan Mass Challenge rides, cycling to raise money for cancer research, and completed the 2016 Boston Marathon to raise funds for the Zabuli Education Center, a girls school in Deh' Subz, Afghanistan.

Lucienne Ronco has been a Wellesley resident for 18 years. She lives here with her husband Nick Rhind and son Anthony who is attending Wellesley High School.

Lucienne has a Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry from UCLA and returned to Boston for post-Doctoral training at Harvard Medical School. She originally moved to the Boston area to attend Tufts University where she studied basic and environmental sciences and played field hockey and lacrosse for the Jumbos. After college, she grew to love research and data analysis as she worked at Tufts NEMC in a laboratory focused on eye physiology. She worked in pharma and biotech as both a Vice President and a global scientific leader of basic research and clinical trial design. She discovered, designed, and developed methods to assess how well new therapeutics work in human clinical trials. She is currently working as a consultant to biotech firms and patient advocacy groups for muscular dystrophy.

Lucienne has been a Town Meeting Member for 2 years. She has worked as a volunteer teaching STEM to students in 7-12 grades in Boston schools. She is a member of the Needham-Guatemala Partnership which has had a 35-year long relationship with a village in Guatemala and has visited the country on many occasions. She and her family love to hike the White Mountains. She grew up in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and returns there often to see family.

Penny Rossano is Managing Partner of a strategy consulting business she founded in 2002. Her projects have included strategic, financial, and commercial-facing analyses in the life sciences and financial services industries in clients spanning from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies, nonprofit and for-profit companies. Prior to founding her practice, Penny worked in investment banking, including Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Commerzbank, Goldman Sachs, and in management consulting firms, including McKinsey, Frankel Group (now Huron), and Blue Ridge Partners. Additionally, Penny served as Screening Committee Executive Officer for Mass Medical Angels, and has authored many business cases.

Penny is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with two degrees - an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School of Business, and an MA in International Studies with a focus on Western Europe and the German Language and Culture from The Lauder Institute. She also graduated from the University of Cambridge with an M.Phil. in Biological Anthropology. Her undergraduate studies were completed at Harvard College with a concentration in Biological Anthropology. She holds a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter. Originally from Wellesley, Penny's foundational education was in the Wellesley Public Schools where she attended Brown and Warren elementary schools, and Wellesley Junior and Senior High Schools. She is a Town Meeting Member, Precinct C.

To Advisory, Penny brings her experience of making data-driven recommendations thorough research into and analysis of important questions and issues. She looks forward to working with the Advisory Committee, other Boards, Town staff and representatives, and our neighbors and friends to support our shared community.

Tamara Sielecki who hails originally from Washington, DC has been a Wellesley homeowner and resident for 25 years, educating her daughter through the Wellesley public schools. After 4 years with the US Department of Labor in DC and 2 years for a small consulting firm in Chicago, she worked for

financial services firm TIAA-CREF for 25 years, in various internal and client-facing roles, most recently managing and coordinating executive projects. Tamara's educational background is in Finance and Economics, at the University of MD and Georgetown University, respectively. Tamara has been enjoying an early retirement for several years, catching up on reading (history), gardening, and traveling, as she continues to work on a couple of novels.

Donna Stoddard is Associate Dean of Faculty (2020-present), chair of the Operations & Information Management Division (2003-2009, 2017-2018 and 2019-present), and Professor of Information Technology Management (ITM). Dr. Stoddard has taught undergraduate, graduate, and executive education courses related to management information systems, entrepreneurship and business strategy. Before joining the Babson faculty, Dr. Stoddard was on the faculty at Harvard Business School where she taught in the MBA and executive education programs. She is a graduate of Creighton University (BS), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MBA), and the Harvard Business School where she was the second Black woman in the history of the school to receive a Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA). Her research has been published in *Accounting Horizons*; *Journal of Business Strategy*; *Entrepreneurship*; *Education and Pedagogy*; *Harvard Business Review*; *Journal of Information Systems*; *Management Information Systems Quarterly*; and various other publications.

Before entering the doctoral program at the Harvard Business School, Dr. Stoddard started her career on the audit staff at Peat Marwick Mitchell in San Francisco. She then spent several years in various marketing positions at IBM where she worked with large financial services and manufacturing companies.

Dr. Stoddard is currently on the Board of Directors for The Metro Group and serves on the Wellesley Freedom Team. She previously served on the Wellesley DEI Task Force and the Technology Advisory Board for Benchmark Senior Living. She has extensive experience on non-profit boards; she is currently on the board for Boston Scores. She previously served on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee for Carroll School, Noble and Greenough School, The Meadowbrook School of Weston and the Board of Boys and Girls Club of Boston.

Gail Sullivan is a retired executive, having spent close to forty years working for major multinational corporations, mainly in finance. Her career included positions as Vice President and Treasurer of The Gillette Company, Genzyme Corporation, and Boston Consulting Group, where her responsibilities included global investing, corporate finance, banking, foreign exchange management, and insurance. She also worked as a manager at Digital Equipment Corporation, and in banking. Gail earned a BA in economics from Dartmouth College, an MBA from The Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and was a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Gail and her husband, Scott Page, have lived in Wellesley for 28 years and are the proud parents of two daughters now in their twenties. Gail is a Town Meeting Member and previously served on the Schofield PTO, participated in the Wellesley chapter of the National Charity League, and was a board member of HomeStart, a housing services provider. Gail is a member of Wellesley Country Club, Nehoiden Golf Club, and is a congregant of St John the Evangelist Church.

Douglas Wilkins and his wife, Laura, moved to Wellesley over 40 years ago and raised their two children here – both of whom are triple WPS Graduates (WHS, WMS & Hardy). He is a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, having grown up in Concord, MA.

He served as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court from 2010 until his mandatory retirement in 2023. While he was assigned to courts throughout the Commonwealth, he sat most frequently in Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, Hampden and Berkshire counties. Before his appointment to

the bench, he was a partner in the Cambridge law firm, Anderson & Kreiger, LLP, specializing in civil litigation, zoning, land use and municipal law, including telecommunications. He served in multiple staff and management positions in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office under four Attorneys General from 1984 to 1999, primarily representing state agencies in civil litigation. After graduating from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, he began his legal career as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and then as an associate in the Boston firm of Palmer & Dodge. In 2023, he retired from the Massachusetts Bar, to which he was admitted in 1978.

Doug served as a Town Meeting Member from Precinct B from 2006 to 2010, resigned for the duration of his judicial service, and was again elected to town meeting in 2024. He and Laura are active musicians and play in several local community orchestras (they met in one in 1982!). In his retirement, among other things, Doug teaches courses on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions for Wellesley Weston Lifetime Learning and other local adult educational organizations.