

2025 – 2026 Advisory Committee Bios

Paul Barnhill is a semi-retired technology executive and consultant with over 25 plus years of experience in modern software engineering, digital transformation, and advanced technology strategy. He holds an MBA and has held leadership roles at PayPal, Thomson Reuters, Yankee Group and IHS Group, followed by a decade of strategic consulting at HPE's Cloud Technology Partners and Deloitte Consulting. He continues to advise early-stage startups and investor groups.

Paul and his wife Andrea moved to Wellesley's Lower Falls neighborhood in 1990 and settled in the Bates Elementary-Precinct A area in 1996. They raised their three daughters through the Wellesley Public Schools from kindergarten through high school. Andrea works part-time at Wellesley High School in the language lab and teaches hot yoga in the community. Both have served as Town Meeting Members for the past three years.

Although not originally from Massachusetts, Paul and Andrea have spent their entire adult lives in the commonwealth and proudly consider it home -- drawn to the changing seasons and the close-knit character that defines New England communities. Their daughters now live in Boston (Southie), New York City, and Chicago. They enjoy skiing, traveling, and spending time at the beach and outdoors. Paul is also an avid runner and golfer. He looks forward to giving back to the Wellesley community by collaborating on the Advisory Committee.

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 17 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 by 2024 Nobel Laureate David Baker. While in Seattle, Mark also served as chair pro-tem of the University of Washington Institutional Review Board, reviewing clinical trials applications managed by the university.

Mark and Amy have a strong focus on volunteerism – Amy co-founded 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 7 years with incarcerated men who are enrolled in the college behind bars Bachelor'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 the New England Correctional Center.

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 served as a Town Meeting member for 4 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 New Orleans.

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 currently attends WMS, 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 Masters 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.

Susan Clapham A New Englander (Rhode Island) by birth, Susan grew up in Colorado. After earning a degree in English and working for several years at Emory University in the publications office, she and husband David moved to Boston for the first time. Susan worked in the Harvard Development Office as publications coordinator for their capital campaign until moving to Germany, where she spent the next 18 months tutoring English, editing scientific manuscripts, and practicing her German. Returning to Boston, Susan took a job in publications with the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where she worked until starting a family and a subsequent move to Rochester, Minnesota. A lifelong interest in child development led Susan to return to college to earn a second degree in education and work in an elementary school after her first two children started kindergarten.

Nearly 30 years ago the Clapham family returned (yet again) to the Boston area, this time settling in Wellesley, where Susan has been active as a community volunteer while raising four children, all of whom completed their education in the Wellesley Public Schools. She served as copresident of the parents' group at the Wellesley College Child Study Center, as well as the PTOs at Sprague, WMS and WHS and Central Council. Following two years as co-chair of the WEF Spelling Bee, Susan chaired the WEF Grants Committee for two years. Susan was president/copresident of the Wellesley League of Women Voters for several years and has been a Wellesley Town Meeting member for more than 15 years; she previously served on the Advisory Committee 2020-23.

A. Rani Elwy is a 21-year resident of Wellesley and is returning to the Advisory Committee after a year away to serve in the U.S. Senate as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow through the National Academy of Medicine. Rani and her husband Sherin are parents to three children, Lucy, Ben, and Charlotte, all graduates of Wellesley Public Schools. In their free time, the Elwy family volunteers with several non-profit organizations to support a range of health and social justice issues in Wellesley and Greater Boston. Rani is the Warren Alpert Foundation professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Brown University and a Research Career Scientist in the Veterans Health Administration. Rani received a PhD in health psychology from King's College London, a MSc in social psychology from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a BA in psychology and sociology from the University of Michigan. Rani brings experience of interpreting data and researching issues along with a love of engaging with others and learning their perspectives to her Advisory Committee role.

Philip Jameson has been a financial counselor with GW&Wade now Focus Partners | Wealth in Wellesley for the past 37 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 is 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 39 years with his wife Ann Carter, who is a communication consultant. Ann has served on numerous non-profit boards and currently serves on the Board at William James College. They now live in 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.

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 IT 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.

Madison Riley has been a resident of Wellesley for 32+ years. He is husband to Laura Hewitt (41 years) who was born and raised in Wellesley. Madison and Laura are parents to 3 grown children, all of whom were raised in Wellesley.

Retired at the end of 2020, Madison's career has been entirely in the consumer and retail industries. As a young man, he worked for a chain of specialty stores in Philadelphia, PA doing a myriad of jobs from the warehouse to the selling floor to buying. After graduating from college, he became a buyer for John Wanamaker, a department store chain, also in Philadelphia. He then earned his master's in business from the Darden School, at the University of Virginia. After business school he held several leadership positions including President of The Stride Rite Children's Group, the Managing Director of Kurt Salmon Associates' (a consumer and retail consultancy) North American and Asian operations, and as their COO. In 2016, Madison led the sale of his firm to Accenture, followed by his leadership of the acquisition's integration. He was Global Managing Director of Accenture's Retail Strategy Practice until his retirement in late 2020.

Madison is a Precinct F Town Meeting Member. He has also served on the Advisory Committee from 2021 to 2024. He has been Chair of Advisory in the 2023-2024 year.

Madison sits on the Board of the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater. He also is active in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wellesley, serving on Outreach, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, and singing in the Senior Choir. Madison also serves on the Vestry of his "summer" church, St. James the Fisherman, in Wellfleet, MA. where he leads the parish's Outreach Ministry and acts as Treasurer.

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

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. For more than 25 years 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 currently serves as Chief Science Officer for the FSHD Muscle Dystrophy Society which supports research, clinical trials and advocacy for patients with this rare muscular dystrophy and consults to an rare kidney disease start up.

Lucienne has been a Town Meeting Member for 3 years, Precinct C. 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.

Doug Smith, a retired marketing executive and consulting principal with several high technology firms/start-ups; in later years, he ran a successful technology consulting practice to small business, non-profits and municipalities throughout New England.

Doug's professional technology career began with selection to a multi-year Executive Training Program at one of the major computer firms; this experience allowed success he would never have achieved via traditional college education. During this time, he served in the US Army Reserves (1966-1972).

Doug and Joanne have resided in Wellesley for more than 40 years; their daughter went through the Wellesley Public Schools. Doug and Joanne are blessed with a strong marriage and excellent health, and enjoy being with and experiencing the growth of their grandchildren.

Doug has been a TMM for 13 years in Precinct G and attended all but one Town Meeting. He served as vice chair for the Electronic Voting Committee, which was successful in having the Town adopt electronic voting for Town Meeting. He was an Advisory Committee member (2019-2021) during which he was vice chair of the Committee. Doug is also an active member of Nehoiden Golf Club, and served on the Collaborative Pastoral Council of the SJSP Collaborative.

Mariana Vinacur has been a Wellesley resident for five years. Originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mariana moved to the United States to pursue her career in medicine, specializing in infectious diseases. Her research focuses on vaccine development, particularly for bacterial targets. Mariana currently works in biotech and healthcare in both a research and clinical capacity.

Most importantly, Mariana and her husband Jon, are the proud parents of two young children. They moved to Wellesley in 2020, in the hopes of finding a community to raise their family. Since their arrival, they have been active in meeting other parents as well as interacting with neighbors in the Dana Hall area. Their son attended PAWS, Wellesley's very own preschool, and will soon start kindergarten this fall. Their daughter will also attend PAWS. Mariana currently serves as the PTO president of PAWS.

Daniel Weinger Daniel Weinger is originally from Newton, and moved to Wellesley in 2020, with his wife and two children, after living in various areas of Boston. Both of Daniel's children attend Hardy Elementary. Daniel has been a Town Meeting Member since 2023.

Daniel is a Director in asset management for Intellectual Property Investments at Fortress Investment Group. At Fortress, Daniel assists companies with monetization strategies to help them realize the full value of their intellectual property. Prior to joining Fortress, Daniel was a partner at Mintz Levin, a Boston-headquartered law firm, where he litigated patent, trade secret, and various technology related cases in federal and state courts, the International Trade Commission, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. During his time at Mintz Levin, Daniel was seconded to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office where he worked as a Special Assistant District Attorney based in Framingham, trying criminal cases on behalf of the Commonwealth. While at Mintz Levin, Daniel co-established a pro bono clinic with Veterans Legal Services where Daniel and other Mintz Levin attorneys assisted low-income veterans with various legal needs, based at the Brockton VA. He has recently been an adjunct professor at Boston College Law School, teaching a seminar on IP Portfolio Management and Strategy. He also served on the board of the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (now Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology), a vocational technical college based in Boston.

Daniel has a JD from Boston College Law School and a BA in computer science from NYU. Prior to law school, Daniel worked as a database support engineer at InterSystems, a database vendor based in Cambridge, MA.

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.

Aaron Williams was born and raised in Gloucester, Mass. After stays elsewhere in the Boston area, Aaron and his wife, Pilarcita, together with their twin daughters (Sofia and Luciana) and grumpy goldendoodle (Diego), settled in Wellesley in 2021. Sofia and Luciana promptly enrolled in, and subsequently graduated from, the Preschool at Wellesley Schools (P.A.W.S.), where Aaron served a term as Co-Treasurer of the PTO. Sofia and Luciana are now proud Schofield Hawks.

Aaron is a partner at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., an international law firm headquartered in Boston, where his practice focuses on complex commercial transactions, restructuring and workouts, and corporate and municipal bankruptcies, with an emphasis on providing guidance to institutional investors in connection with their investments in high-yield securities, both tax-exempt and taxable, in both distressed and new-money transactions. Prior to Mintz, Aaron enjoyed brief stints within the legal division of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the City of Boston Law Department.

Aaron is a graduate of Harvard University (ALB), Boston College Law School (where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Uniform Commercial Code Reporter-Digest*) and Georgetown University Law Center (LLM in Securities Regulation). He recently served as an adjunct professor of law (teaching a course in Secured Transactions) and is a trustee of the Boston College Law School Publication Trust.