

Springfield Preparatory Charter School

Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees

This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed Springfield Preparatory Charter School

John Delaney, Founding Board Member

Mr. Delaney is a sergeant in the Springfield Police Department where he is the Executive Aide to the Springfield Police Commissioner and Public Information Officer for the department handling both the media and community relations. A lifelong resident of Springfield, he is a soccer coach for the Springfield Police Youth Athletic League and a certified high school soccer referee. Sgt. Delaney is a parent of a graduate of SABIS International Charter School and has two daughters attending Springfield Public Schools and a young son who is about to attend.

Heidi M. Glickman, PhD, SPHR Founding Board Member

Dr. Glickman currently serves as an executive and organizational development consultant and coach. Prior to this she was Assistant Vice President for Talent Management at MassMutual Financial Group from 2007-2010. Before this she spent close to five years growing and leading the Executive Development function at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Prior experiences also include consulting, specializing in human resources and leadership development across a range of industries; and various roles in higher education administration. Dr. Glickman graduated from the nation's first early college, Bard College at Simon's Rock, and later earned her PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

Waleska Lugo-DeJesús

Ms. Lugo-DeJesús, a resident of Springfield, is the Director of Multicultural Affairs at Westfield State University. Lugo-DeJesús has over twelve years of experience working in the private/non-profit sector. She was appointed by Governor Deval L. Patrick as a Commissioner for Commonwealth Corps, promoting civic engagement throughout the State and is currently serving a three year term. She is a Corporate Board member of the YMCA of Greater Springfield, former Board Member of Partners for a Healthier Community, Finance Board member for Latino Parishes of Springfield Catholic Diocese and Committee Member for Leadership Pioneer Valley.

Don Moorhouse, Founding Board Member

Mr. Moorhouse is a native of Springfield and lifelong resident of Western Massachusetts, and currently serves as the Director of Strategic Sales for the Springfield Falcons, the city's storied professional hockey franchise. He is a longtime member of the local media having hosted a daily radio program on WRNX, 100.9 FM for six years and is in his 18th year as a columnist and entertainment writer for the Springfield Republican. After serving for 12 years as a youth hockey coach in Springfield, he launched The Hockey Project in 2008, a non-profit organization that takes at risk kids in the City of Springfield and brings them on the ice, teaching life skills and promoting academic achievement through the game of hockey.

Michael J. Suzor, Founding Board Member

Mr. Suzor is the Assistant to the President, Springfield Technical Community College. He was born and raised in Springfield and currently resides in Longmeadow. A graduate of Holy Cross College and Columbia University graduate school, he has worked in higher education at STCC for 14 years, currently serving as the Assistant to the President. He has successfully started and sold two businesses, one in the '80's and one in the 90's, both of which are still in operation. He currently serves on the boards of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Hartford/Springfield Economic Partnership, Springfield FutureWorks Career Center, Springfield's Homes Within Reach for the Homeless, the Friends of the Homeless, the Precision Manufacturing Regional Alliance Project (PMRAP), and the Longmeadow Business Study Group and has served in recent years on the A Better Chance (ABC) House of

Longmeadow, Glenmeadow Retirement Community, Cathedral High School Advisory Board of Trustees, and the Longmeadow Educational Enrichment Foundation (LEEF), among others.

Kimberly Williams, MBA, SPHR, Founding Board Member

Ms. Williams works as a Diversity Consultant in the Office of Diversity at Baystate Health. Ms. Williams is a corporate human resource professional with an MBA in Human Resource Management from Syracuse University and 14+ years of varied HR experience. The majority of her career has been focused on talent acquisition and development with a focus on diversity. Ms. Williams has participated in, planned and facilitated events serving hundreds of attendees for corporate and non-profit concerns. They include the following: National Black MBA Association; A Better Chance, Inc.; American Express Company; Dunbar Community Center; Goldman Sachs & Co.; INROADS; JP Morgan; Sponsors for Educational Opportunities; The Urban League of Springfield, Inc.