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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Elects New Directors, Announces Executive Committee

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago elected 11 new members to its Board of Directors and announced its Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2022.

“This impressive group of new Board members brings deep and diverse expertise to our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women,” said Board President Joyce Winnecke. “We are grateful to have their passion and vast experience as we continue to grow and evolve as a social enterprise, committed to policies and programs that ensure equity for all.”

Elected to two-year terms, the new directors were welcomed at the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago’s Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 13. They join 50 other senior-level leaders in providing strategic leadership and governance.

Newly elected YWCA Metropolitan Chicago board members are:

- Yolanda Ambriz, Group Director – Human Resource Construction Products Segment, ITW
- Amiee Bayer-Thomas, Chief Supply Chain Officer, ULTA Beauty
- Audrina Bigos, Anchor, CBS 2 WBBM-TV Chicago
- Marianne Boldori, VP Human Resources, Conagra Brands
- Fellicia Foster, VP and Head of Inclusion and Diversity, BMO Harris Bank
- Danisha Hall, Director - Corporate Communications, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
- Shilpa Hingwe, Senior Vice President, U.S. Bank
- Jennifer Martinez, Senior Director of Corporate Affairs, Molson Coors
- Jackie McLaughlin, EVP and Chief Legal Officer, UL

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- Dr. Charlotte Owens, Medical Director, AbbVie Inc.
- Keith Sanders – Vice President, Business Talent Strategy & Inclusion, CDW
- Letitia Snyder, Vaccine Commercial Sector Lead, Pfizer Inc.

Confirmed YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Officers and Executive Committee members for Fiscal Year 2022 are:

- President: Joyce Winnecke, CEO, JWinnecke Advisors LLC
- Vice President: Diane Randolph, Corporate Director
- Vice President: Edward Taylor, Vice President Sales, Food North America, Mars Food Company
- Secretary: B. Pagels-Minor, Senior Data Product Manager, Netflix
- Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair: Sara Staniszewski, Senior Vice President, Wintrust Commercial Bank, Wintrust
- Assistant Treasurer: William Campbell, Principal, Slayton Lewis
- Audit Committee Chair: Denise Demaio, MUFG Americas Chief Audit Executive, MUFG Union Bank, N.A.
- Program and Advocacy Committee Chair: Cathy Traczek, Senior Director, Executive Customer Relations, Comcast
- Program and Advocacy Committee Co-Chair: Tracey Nott-Seward, Chief Communications Officer, Lake Forest Schools
- Mergers and Acquisitions Task Force Chair: Anna May Trala, Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, GTCR
- Strategic Engagement and Development Committee Chair: Christine Furie, Managing Director, Deloitte Tax LLP
- Strategic Engagement and Development Committee Co-Chair, Cynthia McCafferty, President and CEO, Hawthorne Strategy Group, Inc.
- Nominating Committee Chair: Paroo Uppal, Senior Vice President, Klick Health
- Nominating Committee Co-Chair: Irina Konstantinovskiy, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, Horizon Therapeutics

In addition to providing governance and strategic oversight, the YWCA Board of Directors supports revenue-generating activities contributing to a \$38 million operating budget. Fiscal Year 2022 operating revenue represents a 29% growth over the previous year's budget.

Board members, Interim CEO Shelley Bromberek-Lambert and the YWCA executive team honored outgoing Board members and outgoing CEO Dorri McWhorter at the Annual Meeting. After eight years as YWCA CEO, McWhorter has transitioned to a new role as President and CEO of YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

"We celebrate and thank Dorri for building a strong culture and executive team and for these years of innovation and growth, reaching more people and having deeper impact," Winnecke said. "She leaves YWCA Metropolitan Chicago in great shape, poised to continue the momentum."

A Transition and Search Committee is working on behalf of the Executive Committee to select a new CEO. The committee has engaged Korn Ferry to assist.

A complete list of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago's Board of Directors can be found at <https://ywcachicago.org/about/board-of-directors/>.

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About YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Founded in 1876, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a social enterprise committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. As a leading association among a national network of more than 200 YWCAs, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leading service provider in the areas of sexual violence support services, early childhood and child care provider services, family support services, youth STEM programming, and economic empowerment services. Our commitment to racial justice, equity, and inclusion runs through all of our programs. Located in the third-largest American city, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies.

Contributing to our diverse and balanced economy, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is working at the individual and systems levels to create an inclusive marketplace where everyone thrives. The organization is also an active member of many national, state, county and city-level coalitions, advocating for policies that combat racism and positively affect women and families. Learn more at www.ywcachicago.org or follow [@ywcachicago](https://twitter.com/ywcachicago).