

Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Board Member Bios

Micah Bartelme – Treasurer, Co-chair Affordable Housing/Economic Development Committee. Appointed to the board in 2019. Micah is the founder and CEO of BarStar Group, an entertainment and development investment company focused on hospitality and mixed use real estate, with properties including several downtown Ann Arbor bars and restaurants. Micah grew up walking to downtown from what is now Water Hill and is a proud Pioneer High graduate. He and his wife Devon have twin daughters.

Alexandra Dieck – Co-chair Capital Improvements Committee. Appointed to the board in 2019. Alex is an attorney with the Ann Arbor office of Bodman PLC. She focuses her legal practice on commercial real estate transactions, including land acquisition, land development and leasing, and general real property management. She serves on the board of directors of Friends in Deed, a Washtenaw County nonprofit that helps low-income individuals and families with utilities payments, furniture, and vehicle purchases, and more. Alex lives on the west side of Ann Arbor with her German Shepherd, Sammy.

Milton Dohoney Jr. – Appointed to the board in 2021. Milton is the Interim City Administrator of the City of Ann Arbor. Prior to his arrival in Ann Arbor in October 2021, Milton served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Phoenix for seven years. His career spans over 35 years including serving as City Manager in Cincinnati, Chief Administrative Officer for the merged city-county government in Lexington, Kentucky, and performing as Deputy Mayor in Louisville. He has played an integral role in a variety of economic & community development projects in each of the communities where he's worked.

Tyler Kinley – Board Chairperson and Chair Affordable Housing/Economic Development Committee. Appointed to the board in 2018. Tyler is a vice president at Praxis Properties, a real estate management & development company that works throughout Washtenaw County. Tyler received a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, as well as graduated in the first year of the U of M Real Estate Development certificate program. Tyler is an Ann Arbor native, recently returning from 8 years in Seattle working in real estate management, and now lives downtown. Tyler is also on the USA Ultimate Board of Directors and coaches the University of Michigan Men's ultimate frisbee team.

Jessica A.S. Letaw – Appointed to the board in 2018. Jessica curates conversations about the built environment among diverse audiences. Her marketing consultancy emphasizes placemaking, sustainability, and equity; she has published articles for such outlets as ArchDaily, Archinect, and Green Building & Design. She has served as an Ecology Center board advisory committee member, as well as a program partner to other local nonprofits like the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum and the Community Action Network of Ann Arbor. She provides local community architecture education programs, currently leads Ann Arbor YIMBY, and is in the process of founding Ann Arbor Architecture. Jessica lives and gardens near downtown.

Jonathan Massey – Chair Operations Committee. Appointed to the board in 2021. Jonathan is an accomplished architectural historian and authority on architecture and planning education. Through research and scholarly leadership, Dr. Massey shows how architecture shapes civil society, culture, and consumption. As dean at the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, he leads some 100 faculty and 40 staff in educating more than 600 students across eight undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees. A resident of the

DDA's Kerrytown district, he aims to enhance the equity, density, vitality, and sustainability of Ann Arbor and other urban places.

Darren McKinnon –Appointed to the board in 2016. Darren is a vice president at First Martin Corporation which develops, owns, and manages real estate throughout Ann Arbor. He is a licensed professional engineer and has worked for various construction and design firms throughout his career. Darren lives in the Water Hill neighborhood and is on the board of the Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy.

Mike Michelin – Appointed to the board in 2022. Mike is the Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival (A2SF), a performing arts presenter whose mission is to present arts and entertainment that enrich the cultural, economic, and social vitality of the region. Mike is a University of Michigan alum and occasionally teaches a course on Performing Arts Management in the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Mike lives on the southside of Ann Arbor with his wife Rachelle and son Louis.