



BARBARA ELLIS WILSON APPOINTED AS INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES



The Pennsylvania Association of Housing & Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA) proudly announces the appointment of **Barbara Ellis Wilson** as our incoming President. As Executive Director of the Lancaster City Housing Authority, Barbara brings a proven track record of impactful leadership and innovation to PAHRA.

During her six years as Executive Director in Lancaster, Barbara has spearheaded numerous initiatives that transformed the housing landscape for the Authority.

Notably, she led the creation of Partners With Purpose, a nonprofit organization designed to address critical housing needs. Under her leadership, Partners With Purpose repositioned 95 scattered sites from Public Housing to Housing Choice Vouchers, a pivotal move that enabled the nonprofit to secure new funding sources inaccessible to the housing authority. Through these efforts, Barbara and her team revitalized a number of previously uninhabitable homes, bringing quality housing options back to the community.

“I am truly honored to assume the position of President of PAHRA,” stated Wilson. “This role provides a remarkable opportunity to further advance my commitment to developing vibrant, inclusive communities. I eagerly anticipate collaborating with the PAHRA team and all of our valued Housing and Redevelopment Authority members across the Commonwealth, while engaging with local and state leaders to address housing challenges throughout Pennsylvania. Together, we will persist in our efforts to foster vibrant communities, enhance lives, and uphold our mission to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has access to a safe and affordable place to call home.”

Barbara Wilson succeeds **Patrick A. Mack**, Deputy Director, Housing Authority of Northumberland County, whose term as President was marked by notable achievements under his leadership. As a re-elected incumbent, Pat will continue to contribute as a member of the Board of Directors.

In her new role as PAHRA President, Ms. Wilson will be supported by the following Executive Board:

- First Vice-President: **Penny Campbell**, Executive Director, Clarion County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
- Second Vice-President: **Holly Nogay**, Executive Director, Mercer County Housing Authority
- Treasurer: Alicia Zazzera, **Executive Director**, Carbondale Housing Authority
- Secretary: Renee Daly, **Executive Director**, Redevelopment Authority of Cambria County
- Executive Board Members-at-Large: **Andrew French**, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette; and **Danielle Powell**, Executive Director, Wyoming County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities

Along with Patrick Mack, as noted above, the 2024 election process also included re-election of incumbent Board members **Renee Daly** and **Brad Kanuch** for additional three-year terms, as well as the addition of several new members to the PAHRA Board of Directors:

Ms. **Mary Kuna** states that she is “delighted to have been elected to the PAHRA Board! The Commonwealth is comprised of wonderful housing authorities, redevelopment authorities, community development agencies, non-profit corporations, and industry partners that are responsible for creating housing opportunities and vibrant communities. It is an honor to advocate on their behalf.” She adds, “Over my term, I hope to share my strengths with the Board and help PAHRA continue to be a premier advocate for thriving communities and housing opportunities.” Mary is the Executive Director of the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, who is focused on blight removal and housing pathways to homeownership. She earned her BS in Political Science from the University of Scranton, and a master’s degree from the University of Delaware in Urban Affairs and Public Policy.



Aaron Snippet is a seasoned leader with 18 years of experience in urban planning and neighborhood development, who serves as Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie and the Erie Land Bank. His work focuses on providing essential resources to residents and advocating for critical funding in areas such as rehabilitation, blight remediation, and affordable housing development. Aaron is President of the Erie Neighborhood Growth Partnership where he continues to drive initiatives that foster community growth and development. Outside of his professional endeavors, Aaron enjoys working on his family's horse farm and spending quality time with his teenagers. Aaron states, "I am excited to be on the Board and look forward to assisting in this capacity to continue advancing PAHRA and the associated membership."



PAHRA expresses our sincere appreciation to three members departing from the Board of Directors:

Denise Miller, Executive Director of the Snyder County Housing Authority, has been a loyal and dedicated member of the PAHRA leadership since 2015 and has served as a member of the Nominating Committee during her tenure.

Regina Mitchell, Executive Director of York Housing Authority, has also been an integral member of our association's leadership, having served as a member of the Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Committee, as well as Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee.

Ed Primm, Director of Development for Westmoreland County Housing Authority, has been a strong supporter of PAHRA and a dedicated member of the PAHRA Professional Development Committee for many years.

Please join us in extending warm welcomes and a few fond farewells to our PAHRA leaders, and thank them for their service.



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