

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

- **Brendan Boyd** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, Economics and Political Science at MacEwan University. His areas of expertise include public policy and the role of public servants in democracy. His research has been published in Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Canadian Journal of Political Science and Canadian Public Administration. He has served on the board of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) – Edmonton Regional Group, and works to build bridges between academic and practitioner communities in public administration.
- **Samira Hamana** is an experienced Human Resources professional, author, radio host, and Alberta Family Support Centre president. She is a business case award-winning and amazon influencer. She obtained a degree in Human Resources and Business Administration from NAIT and is currently completing her after-degree in Education, Mathematics and Finance at the University of Alberta. She is an advocate for equity and diversity. Samira has many broad interests and experiences that are an asset to the Budget Review Task Force team.
- **Lara McClelland** is a highly motivated and passionate person that thrives in environments that are values-based and results-oriented. She worked in Alberta's health system for 15 years from the front line, through to research, through to leadership and up to governance. She also has 11 years of experience in post-secondary education working in health research, curriculum development and executive leadership. She was an Executive Director of policy, strategy and planning branches within the Government of Alberta. She is currently the Associate Vice-President, Integrated Planning and Partnerships with the University of Alberta. Her formal education includes a Master of Science and an Executive MBA.

She has prior Board of Governors and Committee experience as the former Vice-Chair and Chair of the Boyle McCauley Health Centre Board, a Director on the Board of the Edmonton West Primary Care Network, a member of the Medical Assistance in Dying Regulatory Review Committee, and the former President of her local community league.

- **Maya Pungur-Buick** is committed to contributing to the development of healthy workplaces and great communities. She cares about ethical and moral leadership, communal responsibility, and seeks to get involved in meaningful opportunities to strengthen her community. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Edmonton West Primary Care Network and their Finance and Audit Committee where she also serves

as Treasurer, and on the Women Building Futures Board of Directors, their Governance and Audit Committees where she also serves as Treasurer. She also serves on the City of Edmonton Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, and previously served on the City of Edmonton Ward Boundary Review Commission. She was a founding executive of the Alberta Smart City Alliance and had served on the Board of Trustees of the Capital Care Foundation.

Over the past 20 years, Maya has served in various leadership capacities with the City of Spruce Grove, City of St. Albert, NorQuest College, Alberta Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission, and ATB Financial, after starting her career with the Government of Alberta's Public Affairs Bureau. As the General Manager of Corporate Services with the two cities, she was responsible for a number of corporate and governance functions and progressive initiatives. Prior to then, she had a successful career as a communications leader with a focus on establishing impactful communications and marketing functions in organizations forging new paths.

Maya holds a BA in History (Political Science) from the University of Alberta and an Advertising and Public Relations Diploma from MacEwan University.

- **Darcy Wiltse** is a recently retired, seasoned business and technology professional who was born and raised in Edmonton. With over 42 years in public (Government of Alberta and City of Edmonton), private (Telus and Deloitte) and non-profit organizations, Darcy has gained experience in leadership, management, governance, corporate planning, policy, processes, budgets, Council engagement, ICT engineering, strategy development/implementation and economic and funding development. This was enabled through his education, a University of Alberta Electrical Engineering Degree, Banff School of Management Certificate and MBA from Queen's University.

He possesses many portable skills such as complex information gathering, analysis and synthesis of facts and data, civil/legal/technical report writing, interpersonal communications and collaborative engagement to achieve results. He has and continues to have productive impact in organizations he has belonged to, including volunteering to improve Edmonton youth hockey, community league advancement, and progressing seniors housing as Board Director, Chair and executive.