

Charter Board Members

Joyce Bowsbey, Chair

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Ms. Bowsbey serves as the Co-coordinator of the Cecil Leadership Institute through Cecil College, Chair of the County Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee, member of the Economic Development Commission Public Relations Committee, board of directors for the Family Services Association, and member of the Arts Development Grant Committee for the Cecil Arts Council. In the past, she has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and Governor to serve on boards and committees at the state and county level, such as the Planning Commission, Airport Committee, and Water-Wastewater Task Force. Ms. Bowsbey retired from W.L. Gore & Associates in 2003 after serving twenty years as a Corporate Customer Service Champion, which took her all over the world to provide customer service education to inside sales representatives.

Daniel Schneckenburger, Vice Chair

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Mr. Schneckenburger serves as Director of the Fair Hill Nature and Environmental Center, Board of Directors for the Susquehanna Workforce Network, and member of the BRAC Impact Advisory Panel. In the past, he served as President of the Board of Directors for the County Chamber of Commerce, and was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Water-Wastewater Task Force. Mr. Schneckenburger is the Business Development Director for Paul Risk Associates, Inc., in Port Deposit. He has authored several position papers supporting the charter form of government and offered educational forums on behalf of the Government Relations Committee of the County Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Burden

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Mr. Burden serves as the Zoning Administrator and Planner for the Town of Port Deposit. He was the previous Town and Zoning Administrator for the Town of Charlestown. He is knowledgeable of government structure and functions, as well as, competent in municipal charter and ordinance compliance, employment law, comprehensive planning, and plans review. Mr. Burden has extensive experience working with diverse boards and committees at all levels of business and government.

Ross Cameron, Jr.

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Mr. Cameron served on the Bainbridge Development Corporation, Board of Directors for the National Bank of Rising Sun, Board of Directors for West Nottingham Academy, Boys and Girls Club of Cecil County, and the Peoples Bank of Oxford. He served as President of the Charms Candy Company and on the Board of Directors for the Central Jersey Bancorp, Ponce Candy Industries, General Magnetics, The Boy Scouts of Monmouth County, and the National Bicycles of America. Mr. Cameron has extensive experience working with diverse boards and committees in the business community.

W. Edwin Cole, Jr.

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Mr. Cole has twenty-five years of experience in state and county government. He served as President of the Board of Cecil County Commissioners from 1990 – 1994. He served on the Governor's staff as Assistant Secretary in the Maryland Racing Association. Mr. Cole has experience working with diverse boards and commissions at all levels of government and business.

Robert Gell

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Mr. Gell served as Chair of the 1996 Charter Board and was a member of the 1991 Charter Board. He is serving his third term as a Commissioner for the Town of Charlestown, and currently serves as Vice President of the Board. Before his election in 2002, he was Chair of the Charlestown Ethics Commission since its inception in 1993. At the County level, he serves as Chair of the Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and Chair of the Bainbridge Development Corporation. Mr. Gell retired in 2000 as President of Cecil College after 22 years.

Harland Graef

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Mr. Graef serves on the Economic Development Commission, Tax Assessment Appeals Board, and Chair of the Union Hospital Board of Directors. He served on the Board of Directors for the Bainbridge Development Corporation and as President of the Board for seven years. He designed, implemented and managed the Cecil Leadership Institute through Cecil College for seven years, and served as Director of the Susquehanna Workforce Network. Mr. Graef has been extremely active on various boards and committees with the Cecil County Public School system promoting technology and business partnerships. He retired from the E.I. DuPont Company in 1990 after thirty-five years of service.

Barry Montgomery

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Mr. Montgomery served on the 1990 Cecil County Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Town of Rising Sun Citizens Comprehensive Plan Committee. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Union Hospital, Board of Directors for Conestoga Title Insurance Company, President of the Cecil County School of Technology Building Foundation, and President of Montgomery Brothers, Inc. Mr. Montgomery has extensive real estate experience and has worked with many boards and committees at all levels of government and business.

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Ms. Szep is the Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Government Relations for Cecil College. She is President of C. A. Szep & Associates, and a member of the County Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee. She is the Executive Director of the Cecil College Foundation and Vice President of the Maryland Community College Fundraising Professionals. Ms. Szep has extensive experience with shaping legislation, evaluating legislative strategies, and recommending and implementing public policy. She has worked with many diverse boards and committees at all levels of business and government.