



PENCIL BOARD COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE (YEAR-LONG)

The Executive Committee provides strategic leadership and governance oversight on behalf of the full Board of Directors. Comprised of the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and committee co-chairs, the Executive Committee helps set board priorities, coordinates the work of committees, monitors organizational performance, and addresses matters requiring attention between regular board meetings. The committee serves as a key partner to organizational leadership, ensuring alignment with the organization's mission, strategic goals, fiduciary responsibilities, and governance best practices.



Kaitlyn Jones, Chair

Nicole Sims, Vice Chair

Jacqueline Hayes, Secretary

Brent Binns, Treasurer

Kfir Alexandroni, Facility Chair

Minh Le, Marketing/PR Co-Chair

Christina Feagins, Marketing/PR
Co-Chair

Leslie Cowell, Board Engagement Chair

Kenny Crapse, Finance Chair

Lillian Blackshear, Capital Campaign Co-Chair

Norman Merrifield, Capital Campaign Co-Chair

MARKETING + PUBLIC RELATIONS (YEAR-LONG)

The Marketing & Public Relations Committee advances the organization's visibility, credibility, and community presence. Committee members serve as peer-to-peer ambassadors for the mission, helping expand awareness, strengthen strategic relationships, and elevate the organization's reputation across Nashville and beyond.



Minh Le, Co-Chair

Christina Feagins, Co-Chair

Emmanuel LeGrair

Yanet Rodriguez

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST (MAY-AUGUST)

The Back to School Breakfast Committee provides leadership and support for PENCIL's annual fundraising event. Committee members help drive sponsorships, strengthen board engagement, and ensure the event successfully advances awareness, relationships, and revenue in support of PENCIL's mission.



Lamar Allen

Patrick Carnell

Johari Matthews

Stepanie Nesbitt

James McIntyre

Community Member

Community Member

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY (AUGUST-OCTOBER)

The Principal for a Day Committee supports one of PENCIL's signature engagement events by helping expand participation, strengthen community connections, and increase awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing public schools. Committee members serve as ambassadors for the event, helping connect new leaders to the experience and ensuring strong board involvement.



Sharon Gentry

Devin Lintzenich

P. Danielle Nellis



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A LITTLE NIGHT OF MUSIC DECEMBER-APRIL

The *A Little Night of Music* Event Committee provides leadership and support for PENCIL's annual signature fundraising event. Committee members help drive sponsorships, auction revenue, ticket sales, and board engagement while creating an exceptional event experience that celebrates PENCIL's impact and inspires philanthropic support.



Nicole Flynn Community Member
Karen Schillinger Community Member
Community Member

FINANCE (YEAR-LONG)

The Finance Committee provides financial confidence, sustainability, and strategic direction for the organization. The committee works closely with staff and board leadership to ensure sound financial stewardship, long-term fiscal health, and appropriate oversight of financial risks and opportunities.



Kenny Crapse, Chair Cory Dell
Katlin Pendleton Kelly Mitchell
Will Parrott Tyler Johnson
Brent Binns Lethia Mann
Josh DePriest Jose Ferriera

BOARD ENGAGEMENT (YEAR-LONG)

The Board and Community Engagement Committee strengthens both the connectivity of the Board and the organization's connection to the community. Serving as a bridge between governance and mission, the committee helps recruit, engage, and retain strong board members while ensuring the Board remains connected to community needs, partnerships, and measurable impact.



Leslie Cowell, Chair Hasina Mohyuddin
Kirsten Dodson Juan Williams
Shohreh Daraei Jennifer Wade
Brandon Hill John Doerge
Zach Opheim Kia Goodwin

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (YEAR-LONG)

The Capital Campaign Committee serves as the leadership body for the campaign and is comprised of the organization's most committed, influential, and well-connected advocates. As a revenue-generating committee, its members lead by example, inspire confidence among donors and stakeholders, and help secure the resources necessary to achieve the campaign's vision and goals.



Lillian Blackshear, Co-Chair Sam Reed
Norman Merrifield, Co-Chair Joya Dinwiddie
Derrick Free Max Goodall
Brittany Adams-Davis Blake McDaniel
Todd Figler Josh Derryberry



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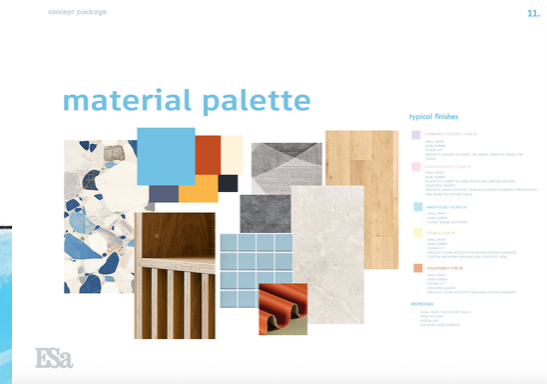
FACILITY (AD HOC)

The Facilities Committee serves as an advisory body to support the stewardship, renovation, and long-term development of the Lillard Elementary School campus. Convened on an as-needed basis, the committee provides expertise, strategic guidance, and community perspective to help ensure facility investments align with PENCIL's mission, operational needs, and future vision.



Kfir Alexandroni, Chair
Anupam Bhakta
Jeff Gregg
Herbert Brown

Liberty Berman
Mon-Kisha Porter
Jeff Parker



Please note that these images are not intended to represent the final plans for PENCIL at Robert E. Lillard School. Rather, they are meant to help cast a vision for what is possible and inspire us as we work together to transform the space for PENCIL and the educators, students, and schools we serve.



Thank you for being part of this exciting journey and for investing in the future of our community!