

Rosslyn Business Improvement Corporation 2024 Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Cy Kouhestani, Brookfield Office Properties

Mr. Kouhestani is Vice President at Brookfield, responsible for office asset management, and operations for the Mid-Atlantic and Southwest regions. He is responsible for setting strategy, measuring performance and driving the financial results of the portfolio. He has 15 years of experience in various aspects of real estate, including office leasing and asset management. Prior to Brookfield, he was a director of brokerage at Cushman and Wakefield where he was a recipient of the Mid-Atlantic Deal of the Year, Collaboration, and Rookie of the Year awards. Cy is a past President for CREBA and member of the Economic Club. He received a BA from Denison University and an MBA from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

Meera Friemel, Gould Property Group

Meera is Senior Vice President at Gould Property Company, overseeing the operations and development of the Washington, D.C.-area portfolio. With over 25 years of experience in real estate, she is involved in all development and construction activities of Gould and assists in overseeing the day-to-day operation of the company. She has a BS in Civil Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and an MBA from The George Washington University. Gould Property Company has been family-owned and operated since its inception. The firm's success is founded on a traditional, detailed approach to first-class development, management, and investment. The company's longstanding relationships are paramount to its successes, and for more than half a century, Gould has delivered value to its tenants, residents, partners, and the communities they serve.

Joseph McKenna, DivcoWest

Joe McKenna is a Senior Director of Investments at DivcoWest, a real estate firm headquartered in San Francisco with \$17 billion of assets under management. He is responsible for DivcoWest's asset management in the Washington D.C. area, overseeing leasing, capital improvements, day-to-day operations and overall financial performance. Joe received an MA in Real Estate Development from Johns Hopkins University and a BA from Colgate University.

Robert M. Bushkoff, Dittmar Company

Bob has more than 30 years of experience in commercial real estate development and asset management in the Washington metropolitan area. He has been with the Dittmar Company since 1992, serving in various capacities including management, finance, and development. Bob has served on the board of directors for AHC, Inc. from 1995. In 2005, Bob served on the Arlington County Affordable Housing Roundtable to develop amendments to the County's General Land Use Plan (GLUP) and to draft affordable housing related provisions for the County's Zoning Ordinance. Bob also served on the AED Retail Task Force 2008-2009. In 2010 he began serving a term on the Arlington County Economic Development Commission. Bob is a graduate of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2007. Bob is the current and past President of the Arlington Host Lion's Club. Bob is a dual graduate of the George Washington University with a BBA in International Business and an MBA in Finance. He has lived in Arlington County since 1983. He has been married to Tracy for 30 years and has two daughters, Jessie and Becca.

Curt Large, Pioneer Ventures LLC

Curt is the managing partner of 11 eating and drinking establishments located in

Washington, D.C. (Roofers Union, Nanny O'Brien's, Big Sky, Jackpot, The Boardwalk, Bedrock Billiards, and Rocket Bar), Northern Virginia (Continental and CarPool), and Philadelphia, PA (Buffalo Billiards and Fishtown Tavern). Curt's responsibilities include management of all aspects of day-to-day operations, including profit and loss responsibility, finance and accounting oversight, and business development. Prior to starting Pioneer Ventures, Curt worked for Bedrock Management, a restaurant management group; for McCown DeLeeuw & Co., a private equity firm with \$450 million of capital under management; and for Bain & Company, a global business consulting firm. Curt holds a BA in economics from Yale University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Jamie Jones Miller, Northeastern University

Jamie Jones Miller is the inaugural Dean and CEO of Northeastern University's Arlington, VA campus, blending her passion for national security and developing the next generation of leaders. She most recently served as a Senior Advisor at the Roosevelt Group, a strategic advocacy and consulting firm, where she worked with a wide range of clients in the defense, security, and intelligence sectors.

Jamie's 16 years of government service includes roles as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (SESIII) and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (SESII) where she advised the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on legislative strategy and managed relationships with members of Congress and key congressional staff, the military departments as well as the White House, National Security Council and federal departments and agencies in support of DoD priorities. Jamie is a 2018 graduate of National Defense University's PINNACLE flag and general officer course and was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service by the Secretary of Defense in 2020. Jamie has thirteen years of Capitol Hill experience including service as Chief of Staff to Congressman Robert J. Wittman (VA-01) and Legislative Director for Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04), two senior members of the House Armed Services Committee. She began her career in government relations as a Legislative Assistant at Hollings and Associates, LLC in Columbia, S.C. and as an Associate at Capital Partnerships, a Virginia-based consulting firm.

Jamie received a BA in International Relations from James Madison University. She served as president of the JMU Alumni Association and was the 2022-2023 chair of JMU's Women for Madison Executive Advisory Council. Jamie is the 2020 recipient of the JMU Alumni Association's Ronald E. Carrier Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for her contributions in her field and to the university. Additionally, Jamie was the 2021-2022 co-chair of the Leadership Council for Women in National Security, an organization dedicated to elevating women into senior national security positions in the federal government, and a member of the National Advisory Council of Blue Star Families, dedicated to serving military families. Jamie currently serves as the 15th National President of the Alpha Sigma Tau National Sorority

Sherri Watson, University of Virginia Darden School of Business

Dr. Sherri Watson serves as the Assistant Dean for Student Engagement for Professional Degree Programs and Managing Director of Strategic D.C. Initiatives. In this capacity, she oversees the student engagement experience and program delivery for Darden's professional degree programs and manages the operations and strategic initiatives for Darden's Sands Family Grounds location. A passionate educator with a focus on equitable educational experiences, Sherri has more than 15 years' experience in student support, innovative and creative educational initiatives and programs, and internal and external stakeholder management. Prior to joining Darden, Sherri was the Executive Director of Career Development and Success Coaching at Old Dominion University leading campus student success and career focused initiatives.

Her research interests include student engagement and support and leadership training & development. Dr. Watson holds a BA in human services, an MA in counseling, and a PhD in occupational and technical studies.

Adam Nowak, Microsoft Federal

A key member of the leadership team at Microsoft Federal, which focuses on serving U.S. government customers by providing Microsoft products and services to ensure successful missions, Adam has been with Microsoft for over twenty years. As the U.S. Federal Chief of Staff, Adam leads the business management in addition to the operations for the organization. He directly supports the leader of Microsoft Federal on strategy and customer/partner engagement, while collaborating with other Microsoft senior leaders across the globe.

Prior to his role as Chief of Staff, Adam was the General Manager for Microsoft's Consulting Organization, serving federal civilian government customers, and led the Modern Work and Business Applications Consulting Organization across all Federal customers. Adam is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a BA in Management Science and Information Systems.

Robert Capon, Turnberry Condominiums

Robert Capon is the Vice Chairman of AdoVate Pharma, a startup biotech firm developing novel drugs that target adenosine receptors involved in major diseases. Rob was the Co-Founder and CEO of Charlottesville-based Adenosine Therapeutics, acquired in August 2008 by Clinical Data, Inc. where he to served latterly as a Senior Vice President until May 2010. Rob is a seasoned entrepreneur and CEO having been at the helm of four companies. He was a cofounder of ViroLogic, ADial Pharma, and HJC Software, serving as CEO of the last of these. Rob also served as the CEO of MJ Systems. He was a visiting lecturer at the University of Virginia Darden Business School where he taught a course to second year MBA students.

Rob formerly served on Governor Mark Warner's Biotechnology Commission and the Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission, and on the Virginia Biotechnology Association. He has also chaired the Piedmont Virginia Community College Educational Foundation and served on numerous boards including the Virginia Discovery Museum, the Moorehead Planetarium and the North Carolina Museum of Life Science.

Rob has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia as well as an MBA from Harvard Business School. He and his wife, Rose, have two adult children (both Arlington residents) and two grandchildren. In his spare time, Rob enjoys amateur astronomy, chess, studying French, genealogy, travel, and hiking.