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Healthy Lakewood Foundation Elects New Officers and New Member

New Board Member

The Healthy Lakewood Foundation (HLF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Chalker to its Board of Directors. Laura was appointed at the Foundation's March 2022 Annual Meeting. Laura has been a Lakewood resident for six years and was appointed through a public call for applications and rigorous candidate review process.

Laura brings a range of expertise both as a non-profit practitioner and leader but also on issue areas related to health and wellbeing including early childhood learning, at risk youth, and enhancing support systems for families. Laura's financial management, program development and evaluation, board governance, and nonprofit management skills will be a great asset as the Foundation continues to build operational and programmatic capacity.

She is currently the Executive Director of the Bond Accountability Commission that monitors the expenditure of funds for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's construction projects financed through bond and tax levies. She serves as a mentor for College Now Greater Cleveland, a board member of the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, and as Membership Chair of the Lincoln Elementary School PTA.

Board President

Also at the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Board appointed Khalilah Worley Billy to serve as President of the Board for a two-year term. Khalilah is a native Clevelander and an inaugural member of the HLF Board. She has served since 2018 in a variety of roles including as a Community Engagement Committee member, Vice President, and Interim President.

Khalilah is Senior Organizer with the Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), a non-partisan organization of faith communities and partner organizations in Cuyahoga County that work together to build power for social justice. Khalilah brings a wealth of organizing and civic engagement expertise to the HLF Board and Lakewood community.

She has led recent efforts to increase testing and vaccination rates in underserved Cleveland neighborhoods, advance criminal justice reform efforts, address gun violence, and support teachers, students and families in the

Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Khalilah currently serves on the Board of the St. Luke’s Foundation and lives in Cleveland with her husband and son.

Kate Ingersoll, Executive Director of HLF notes, “Khalilah brings a breadth of experience and expertise engaging and uplifting underserved residents in communities. Her keen insight into advocating for programs and policies that advance health, civic engagement, and address social determinants of health is of great value to HLF. We are grateful for her continued leadership on the HLF Board, in Lakewood, and throughout Greater Cleveland.”

Board Leadership

Also appointed to leadership positions are Rebecca Baas and Dr. Charles Garven as Co-Vice Presidents, Peter Kuhn as Treasurer, and Melissa Federman as Secretary. All appointments are for one-year terms. Becca Baas is a Supervisor with the University Hospitals Rainbow Center for Child Health & Policy. Dr. Garven is a recently retired family medicine physician. Peter Kuhn retired as Chief Financial Officer of Parkland Management Company. Melissa Federman is the Learning and Evaluation Officer at the Nord Family Foundation.

The Board also renewed the following members for three-year terms: Roland Anglin, Kirstin Craciun, Fred Jorgensen (*Cleveland Clinic Appointee*), Charles Garven, Courtney Noster, and Khalilah Worley Billy.

For more information on all of HLF’s Board members, please visit:

<https://healthylakewoodfoundation.org/board/>.

About the Healthy Lakewood Foundation: The Healthy Lakewood Foundation (HLF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity. HLF was created to ensure remaining assets from the conversion of the Lakewood Hospital will continue to benefit the health and wellbeing of residents in the City of Lakewood. The HLF Board is comprised of 17 members with a range of experience, diversity, and skills. The Foundation has recently announced its 2022 grant programs and is accepting applications for funding. HLF’s mission is to advance programs, policies, and practices that inspire a Lakewood community in which health and wellness are reflected in all aspects of life.

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