



**Business
Representative
Election 2023**

Slate

NPU-B business representatives must be employed by a company that has its business address in NPU- B for at least the last twelve months.

Candidates for Business Representative – November 2023

Bob Connelly: *Bob is President of R.L. Connelly & Co., Inc. Bob began his construction experience in the mid '1960's working summers and holidays in construction for his father during high school. He later went on to Georgia Tech where he studied architecture, and after a stint in the Army, he returned to Atlanta and to the family business. Bob has been president of R.L. Connelly & Co., Inc. since 1990 when his father (Bob Sr.) retired.*

Mandi Gibson: *Mandi has served on the NPU board for four years as a residential representative with Peachtree Heights East, with both President and Vice President roles on the Public Safety Committee throughout her tenure. She has served one year as a business representative and is currently our NPU-B recorder. Mandi has worked at three®, an ad agency in Buckhead, since 2003. As the agency's Director of Client Service, she represents local, regional and national clients in the health care, home goods, energy and home services sectors. With two young children at Garden Hills Elementary, Mandi and her husband are active and invested in the Buckhead community as volunteers and long-term residents.*

Heather Halpern: *Heather Halpern is the General Manager of Buckhead Village. Heather graduated from Hofstra University in New York with an emphasis in both Business and Speech. She joined the Jamestown Team when the property was purchased in 2019. She previously worked for ten years as the General Manager with Simon Property Group. Heather has been involved with managing shopping centers and marketing high end luxury retail her*

entire career.

Jason Kendall: *Jason is a Buckhead resident and Vice President of Kendall Supply.*

Rebecca King: *Rebecca is a Buckhead resident since 2007 and serves on the Buckhead Condo Alliance, Livable Buckhead, CLEAR organization, Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association, and the Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association*

Foundation. She is a resident of the Paramount Condos and has served two terms as the President of the Paramount Condominium Association Board of Directors, has served on the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia, Board of Directors and has served as President Elect and President of Atlanta International's Parent Organization. Rebecca currently is the Chair of NPU-B.

Bill Murray: *Bill is the Senior Vice President and Managing Broker of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Georgia Properties. He has a long history of professional and community service including over 15 years on NPU-B, Board of Trustees for Marist School, and Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International. Bill has held a range of officer positions on the Atlanta Board of Realtors and was awarded the Five Star Circle of Service (2013) and Captains of Industry (2014). Most recently, Bill served a three-year term as President-elect, President, and Past-president of the Atlanta Realtors Association. Bill currently serves as the Vice-Chair of NPU-B.*

Abbie Shepherd: *Abbie Shepherd has been in real estate for fourteen years and presently owns one of the top producing teams in Atlanta under the brokerage of Keller Williams. She discovered a passion for architecture and urban planning while attending the Georgia Institute of Technology earning a B.S. in Physics. With such a successful career as a Residential Realtor, Abbie still stays connected to the force that brought her here – urban planning. She thoroughly enjoys serving as a member of the NPU-B board. She and her husband, Tom, now have five beautiful children, and reside in Garden Hills with their escape artist dog, Ringo.*

Denise Starling: *Denise is the CEO of Livable Buckhead, Inc. During her 20-*

year career in Buckhead, Denise has collaborated with business and community leaders to put the area on a sustainable path. Her work began with a focus on transportation and air quality issues as she led the formation of the Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association in 1999.

In 2011, Buckhead needed an organization to lead the implementation of its new greenspace plan and Denise responded enthusiastically, forming Livable Buckhead. Denise and Livable Buckhead have won more than 14 awards for exemplary programs and contributions, including being recognized by the Buckhead Business Association with their top award “Bullish on Buckhead” in 2009 and by the Atlanta Business Chronicle Environmental Awards as the “Emerging Leader” in 2012.

Sheri Tanner: *Sheri is the owner of Buckles, a children’s shoe store in Buckhead, for 28 years. She has been on the BOD of The Paramount At Buckhead HOA for the past three years, currently serving as Vice President, and board liaison for the Building and Grounds Committee. Living and working in NPU-B she has a vested interest in contributing to the quality of life in Buckhead and being involved in the community. She serves as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee and is the NPU-B Business Representative Coordinator.*

After attending Citizens Police Academy, she found several avenues that have allowed her to become more involved with APD. Sheri has lived in NPU-B since 2015. She has two grown daughters and a granddaughter. Her two dogs enjoy walking all over Buckhead, and Chloe, her shop dog, is a frequent visitor at Fetch.

Mary-Heather Tatum: *Mary-Heather Tatum is a National Premier Account Manager at the international accounting and advisory firm BDO. She has an extensive career in marketing and sales for professional services firms, including 14 years at KPMG, and other leading local companies such as Infor. She is a second-generation Atlanta native and has lived in Buckhead in Garden Hills for over 30 years. She is currently serving on the board of the Buckhead Condo Alliance as Secretary and also represents her homeowner’s*

association, Sheridan Parc, in their new membership to the Garden Hills Civic association. Mary-Heather is a long-standing volunteer and ardent supporter of the Atlanta Preservation Center, Trees Atlanta, the PATH foundation, Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, and St. James Methodist Church.

Kim Wachtel: *Kim is an in-town residential real estate agent with RE/MAX. She has lived in the city of Atlanta for 23 years, 13 of those in NPU-B where her business is located. She has served as a business representative on NPU-B since 2016 and is very keen on happenings in and around Atlanta. She has been involved in real estate here since 2004. Follow her at #kimlovesatlanta.*