



Business Representatives Slate 2027

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.

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1. **Abbie Shepherd:** Abbie Shepherd has been in real estate for twenty 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.
2. **Barbara Shortridge** Barbara moved to the area when she was five years old and has lived here for most of her life, giving her a deep connection to the neighborhood and its history. She remembers when Lenox Mall was just a strip shopping center and mansions lined Peachtree, so she brings a unique long-term perspective on how our community has grown and changed. Barbara has served several terms on her condo board, Paramount at Buckhead, holding every board position, and recently retired from AT&T after nearly 25 years, much of that time spent working from offices in the neighborhood. That experience has helped her understand both residential concerns and the needs of commuters and local businesses. She is looking forward to representing the Buckhead Condo Alliance on the NPU-B board.
3. **Bob Connelly:** Bob is the owner of [R.L. Connelly & Co., Inc.](#) third-generation general contracting firm specializing in custom design-focused homes in the Atlanta market. The company's present management has more than 70 years of combined experience providing quality construction and design services to the metropolitan area.
4. **Bill Murray:** Bill is the qualifying Broker for Compass Georgia LLC. He has a long history of professional and community service including over 20 years on NPU-B, Past member of the Board of Trustees for Marist School, Current Emeritus Trustee for Marist School and Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International. Bill has held a range of officer positions on the Atlanta Board of Realtors including Past President (2018) and was awarded the Five Star Circle of Service (2013) and Captains of Industry (2014) and Sally Washburn Lifetime Achievement Award (2025), and Chair of the Audit Committee for the Georgia Association of Realtors (2025).
5. **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. When Denise began working in Buckhead, sustainability was just beginning to register on the corporate radar. Now the community boasts:
 - More than 19 million square feet of commercial building space participating in the
 - Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge
 - 102 LEED projects
 - More than 63 percent of Buckhead within one-mile of an electric vehicle charger • 34 new acres of greenspace
 - 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.
 - Denise earned an undergraduate degree in Architecture and a Master's Degree in City Planning, from Georgia Institute of Technology. She is a graduate of Leadership Buckhead, RLI, Leadership Atlanta Class of 2014 and is a member of Buckhead Rotary serving as the co-chair of the human trafficking committee.

Denise, son Will and husband Michael live in Brookhaven with their dog Moxie. “The pack” likes to travel and have visited many great places including Japan and Costa Rica.

6. **Jason Kendall:** Jason is a Buckhead resident and Vice President of Kendall Supply. Jason has lived in NPU B for over 34 years and has actively been involved in the Peachtree Park zoning committee for over 20 years. In addition, he has been on NPU B for a long time.
7. **Karim Lalani:** Owns and operates Monarch Equity, an investment firm focused on economic development in historically underserved communities. A seasoned entrepreneur, he has operated multiple businesses and has a portfolio spanning healthcare, oil and gas, retail, and commercial real estate. A member of the Ridgedale Park community, Karim enjoys spending time with his wife, their cavapoo puppy, and soon their first child!
8. **John Moores** John Moores is a development strategist, architect, and founder of Lupo Group, where he partners with owners and investors to transform commercial real estate into vibrant, experience-driven destinations. His work spans development strategy, owner representation, architectural leadership, and capital planning, with a focus on mixed-use environments that strengthen neighborhoods while creating long-term asset value. Currently serving as the owner's representative for Jamestown at Buckhead Village District, John works alongside ownership, retailers, architects, and contractors to guide investments that enhance walkability, elevate customer experience, and position one of Atlanta's premier districts for long-term success. John believes the most successful developments are those that create lasting economic value while becoming places people genuinely enjoy returning to.
9. **Keith Biggs:** Keith Biggs has called Atlanta home for more than 30 years and is passionate about serving its neighborhoods and communities. A top producing REALTOR® with Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty, Keith currently serves as the 2026 President Elect of the Atlanta REALTORS® Association and will lead the organization as President in 2027. Keith serves as Recorder for NPU B and previously chaired its Public Safety Committee. He believes strong communities are built through collaboration, engagement, and a shared commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents. Outside of his professional and civic involvement, Keith enjoys spending time with his husband, their rescue dog Rocco, and catching the latest movies.
10. **Lisa Bennet:** Lisa Bennett, originally from California, migrated to Atlanta where she began her remarkably successful career in the world of real estate. Hailing from a tribe of success stories, Lisa attended the University of Southern California and the University of Phoenix, where she graduated with a degree in business management. She continued her studies at the Barney Fletcher Real Estate University and acquired her Georgia license. An entrepreneur at heart, with a passion for the highest level of customer service, Lisa has owned and operated multiple successful businesses but found her true calling in residential real estate. Launching her career in real estate on the finance side as founder of Dana Capital, a mortgage branch located in Buckhead, she specialized in residential and commercial mortgages. With an extensive background in sales and customer service, Lisa consistently exceeds expectations. She is highly regarded by clients and colleagues alike. Selling high-value luxury properties for Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty since 2008, Lisa is uniquely qualified to assist investors and builders with new construction projects, as well as purchasing foreclosures and negotiating short sales. Lisa is a marketing specialist and a member of the Atlanta REALTORS® Association, the National Board of REALTORS® and the Atlanta REALTORS® Top Producers. Thinking outside the box, Lisa has traveled extensively to Dubai to learn sales techniques. This go-getter has also participated in Master Mind sessions with Fredrik Eklund from the successful television show, Million Dollar Listing New York. Her belief in trust, guidance and integrity, along with her loyalty to clients throughout the home buying and selling experience, ensures her ongoing success. Since 2009, Lisa has been a loyal board member and fundraiser for St. Jude's Recovery Center. She conducts annual work shops to empower young girls throughout the City of Atlanta. She was recently featured in the Emerge Magazine and as the cover story in Good News Notebook Magazine.

11. **Mandi Gibson:** Mandi has served on the NPU board for many years including varied roles as a residential rep with Peachtree Heights East, with both President and Vice President roles on the Public Safety Committee throughout her tenure. 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 children that have attended Garden Hills Elementary, Mandi and her husband are active and invested in the Buckhead community as volunteers and long-term residents.
12. **Mary-Heather Tatum:** Mary-Heather Tatum represents the HOA of Sheridan Parc, a townhome community in the Garden Hills neighborhood and serves as its Board President. She served on the board of the Buckhead Condo Alliance as Secretary for over three years. She also represents Sheridan Parc in its membership to the Garden Hills Civic association. Mary-Heather is a longstanding volunteer and ardent supporter of the Atlanta Preservation Center, Trees Atlanta, the PATH foundation, Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, and St. James Methodist Church. She currently serves as a Key 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 having grown up in Brookhaven and has lived in Buckhead in Garden Hills for over 30 years.