



New Directors October 2023

Patricia Jacobs

Patricia Jacobs, Ph.D., “Pattie,” is an experienced board director, corporate executive, and civic leader with extensive national and international expertise in the technology sector, leading and advising on corporate strategy and revenue growth in the communications, energy, transportation, and industries.

Ms. Jacobs has deep expertise in communications technology and policy, holding several leadership positions over her 26 years at AT&T. She most recently served as the President of AT&T’s Northern Region, where she led the company’s strategy and corporate affairs agenda across 24 states, creating opportunities for revenue growth and mitigating risk on capital intensive network investments, as well as brand reputation, workforce and labor policy, and M&A strategy/approvals.

Pattie also has extensive board experience, currently serving on the Boards of Massport, Avangrid, and ATN International. Appointed originally to the Massachusetts Port Authority Board of Directors in 2016, and reappointed in 2023 by Governor Maura Healey, she currently serves as Board Chairman, and also chairs the Human Resources, Diversity, & Compensation Committee, overseeing a complex portfolio of aviation, maritime, and real estate assets, including Boston’s Logan Airport and the Port of Boston. Pattie also serves as an independent director for Avangrid, a leading sustainable energy company with more than \$40B in assets and 7,000 employees, and for ATN International, a leading provider of communications and infrastructure services in remote and historically underserved geographies.

Pattie is also a committed civic leader, serving on the boards of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston. She has been named one of Boston’s “Power 50” by the Boston Business Journal, and #6 of New York’s “Telecom Power 50” by City & State. Pattie earned her Ph.D. in political science and international politics from Boston College, and her bachelor’s degree in government with a minor in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance Jr. President New England College Henniker, NH

Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance Jr. became the 16th President of New England College on December 12, 2022.

Dr. Lesperance arrived at NEC in 1999 to serve as Assistant Professor of Political Science, a role he relished for 17 years. He transitioned to NEC’s administration in 2016 when he became Dean of Residential Undergraduate Programs. He has served as Director of the Center for Civic Engagement; Vice President of Academic Affairs; and most recently, Provost.

A political enthusiast, Dr. Lesperance moved to New Hampshire in 1999 to take advantage of the State's special place in presidential politics. His love of the political process has helped him lead NEC's civic engagement focus. He is a frequent commentator in regional and national media outlets, where he is often quoted on public policy, presidential elections, and U.S. foreign policy. Among his more recent publications, he is Associate Editor of the annually published two-volume Political Handbook of the World (2017–2020), contributor to both Leadership and Legacy: The Presidency of Barack Obama (2021) and The New Islamic State (2016), and author of "American Foreign Policy and the 2016 Election" in the Journal of Social Science and Modern Society (September/October 2016), in addition to numerous articles and chapters in peer-reviewed journals, textbooks, and other publications.

He received his BS in Political Science and MA in International Studies from Old Dominion University and his doctorate in Law and Policy from Northeastern University.

Dr. Lesperance was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He resides in Henniker, New Hampshire, with his wife, Stephanie; daughter, Grace; and their two dogs, Nero and Emmitt.

Maura O'Brien
Government Affairs Manager
Ahold Delhaize USA
Quincy, MA

Maura O'Brien is ADUSA Government Affairs Manager supporting Stop & Shop. Maura had previously been with Stop & Shop for over 20 years, working in various roles from Store Operations, Sales and Merchandising, Human Resources, and, most recently, External Communications and Community Relations. A certified CrossFit coach and nutritionist, Maura enjoys being active and spending time at the beach with her family, fiancé, and rescue pup, Holly.

Jared Ross
Partner
Day Pitney
Boston, MA

Jared Ross practices real estate and land use law, primarily focusing on commercial real estate acquisition, development, permitting and leasing. He has significant experience acting as outside general counsel to developers and investors in the acquisition and disposition of various real estate classes, including multifamily, hotels, office, industrial and flex space. This representation includes negotiation of acquisition/disposition agreements, due diligence and the formation of joint ventures and real estate investment funds.

In addition, Jared leads the work done by the firm on transactional construction contracts, negotiating and drafting construction-related contracts for projects ranging from small rehabilitation projects to significant developments in excess of \$100 million. This representation includes assisting with the implementation of RFP processes and drafting complicated bespoke agreements between joint ventures and contractor affiliates. Jared also has significant experience representing lenders and borrowers in connection with mortgaged backed and mezzanine loans often with complicated construction-related features.

Jared also routinely represents a broad spectrum of lenders, land owners, developers and equity participants in the area of renewable energy development and generation throughout the country. His experience involves representation of clients with negotiation and analysis of agreements, due diligence review, drafting and negotiating agreements, and strategic planning.

In addition to private practice, Jared has worked in the general counsel's office of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and for the Urban Ecology Institute, both while attending law school. He is a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University Law School.

Jeffrey Tengel
Chief Executive Officer
Rockland Trust
Rockland, MA

Jeffrey Tengel joined Rockland Trust as Chief Executive Officer of the Company in February of 2023. Prior to that, he served as Senior Executive Vice President, Head of Commercial Specialty Banking at M&T Bank. Before M&T's recent acquisition of People's United Financial, Mr. Tengel was President of People's United where he was responsible for commercial banking, retail banking, and wealth management. He joined People's United in 2010 from PNC Bank where he worked following PNC's acquisition of National City Bank. At National City, Mr. Tengel served as Executive Vice President of Corporate Banking, managing the specialized industry, capital markets, commercial real estate, equipment finance, and private equity business lines.

Mr. Tengel received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Marquette University and his M.B.A. from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. Active in the community, Mr. Tengel currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Quinnipiac University. Previously, he served on the Board of Directors at Bridgeport Hospital, People's United Community Foundation, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club and Kolbe Cathedral High School.