

Board of Trustees | Class of 2024



Thomas Anderson

Thomas Anderson began his tenure as Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools in 2018 after spending 4 years as the Superintendent in Randolph, MA. A native of East Hartford, CT, he attended East Hartford Public Schools and also graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, MA. He earned his BA from the University of Rhode Island his Master's degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. Prior to arriving in Massachusetts, he was an Assistant Superintendent in the District of Columbia Public Schools and had served as the founding Principal/Executive Director of a charter school in Chicago. Thomas serves as the Secretary for the YMCA Southcoast Board of Directors, is Corporator for Bristol County Savings Bank, sits on the Advisory Board for Bristol County Community College, represents the Urban Superintendents on the M.A.S.S Legislative Committee and is on the M.A.S.S. Racial, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.



Dr. Patricia Andrade, MD

Dr. Patricia Andrade, MD is a General Surgery Specialist and has over 30 years of experience in the medical field. Tricia was pre-med at Wellesley, graduating in 1983, and went on to Dartmouth College Medical School. Through an Ivy League dual-enrollment program, she did her last two years at Brown University through The Warren Alpert Medical School, graduating in 1989. Tricia did her residency at Miriam Hospital in Providence, R.I. A native of new Bedford & former Bristol Community College trustee, Tricia is an accomplished surgeon who specializes in women's health. She was awarded the YWCA Yvonne M. Drayton Award for volunteering to do free breast and cervical cancer screenings and was named The Standard-Times SouthCoast Woman of the Year in 2000. She previously served on the Whaling Museum Board of Trustees. She has been an active member on the Museum's Cape Verdean Advisory Committee as well as part of the Museum Advisory Council.



David A. Gomes

David A. Gomes is UMass Dartmouth's Chief Diversity Officer. He was appointed to this role in September 2020 after serving as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion with the Office of Human Resources. In his new role, and in collaboration with partners across the campus community, David directs the University's efforts in identifying, analyzing, and eliminating obstacles to diversity and inclusion efforts at the University. Prior to joining the staff at UMass Dartmouth, David served as Director of Equal Opportunity for DTZ, Inc., a global integrated facilities management company. A native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, David is a graduate of Boston College where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree and Northeastern University School of Law where he was awarded his Juris Doctorate. At UMass Dartmouth, David serves as the co-chair of the University's Diversity Council as well as the Black History Four Season Council. David serves as the advisor to the House of Deliberations and co-advisor to the NAACP College Chapter. David is as an adjunct professor at UMass School of Law where he teaches Employment Law and Employment Discrimination.



Dana Rebeiro

Dana Rebeiro is the Massachusetts Liaison for Vineyard Wind. Prior to joining the Vineyard Wind team she consulted for MAAPL (Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending) and worked to help families fighting foreclosures on their homes. Dana served concurrently on the New Bedford City Council, where she advocated for enhancements on the State Pier to improve the working conditions for members of the International Longshoremen Association, wrote legislation to add aquaculture to the city's robust fishing economy and has worked with several diverse organizations i.e. Cape Verdean Women's Club, Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores and with the youth organization Third Eye to raise their profile at the city and state level. As a firm believer in term limits she chose not to run after serving three terms. Dana has been visiting the Whaling Museum since she was a child and is looking forward to contributing so that future generations will benefit from the events and exhibits.



Maria Rosario

Maria Rosario has served for seventeen years as executive director of NorthStar Learning Centers, a minority-led nonprofit organization that serves disadvantaged New Bedford area children, youth, and families. Maria has created innovative programs with a lens of racial justice and racial equity that support disadvantaged young people in overcoming poverty, discrimination, violence, and other adversity by learning essential skills and hopefulness to transform their lives and their community. Maria has been active in the community and state-level planning and advocacy groups to remove historical barriers and open pathways for all children, youth, and families to achieve a better life. Maria has a BA in Sociology and a graduate degree in Counseling Psychology from the Cambridge College Graduate School. In 2008, Maria was named New England Grantee of the Year from the New England Minority Business Development Agency. In 2013, Maria was recognized by the Providence, RI-based Latino Public Radio for her exceptional leadership and dedication to community in its multiple dimensions, and most recently, she was one of the 2016 YWCA Women of Distinction Awardees.



Nancy Shanik

Nancy Shanik is a retired global financial services executive. She was the Chief Risk Officer of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and prior to joining Citizens, Nancy served as a Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal after completing a successful 31 year career at Citigroup. Nancy earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Tulane University Graduate School of Business with concentrations in Corporate Finance and Accounting. She attended the Stanford University Executive Program. Her Bachelor's Degree, cum laude, is in Marketing and Communication Theory from the University of Vermont. Nancy serves on the Board of RBC US Group Holdings where she chairs the Risk Committee and is also a member of both the Audit and Human Resource and Governance Committees. She also serves on the Board of Black Knight, Inc. and is a member of the Audit Committee. Prior Board experience includes the Kleinfelder Group and Family Services of Rhode Island. Nancy has been a member of the NBWM's Audit Committee since 2018.



Alison Wells

Originally from Trinidad & Tobago, Alison Wells relocated from the Caribbean to the SouthCoast of Massachusetts in 2004 to pursue a Masters Degree in Fine Art Painting at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Alison is now living and working as an Artist and Art Educator in New Bedford Massachusetts. Alison was selected to exhibit her Urban Organic series at the 2010 World Exposition in Shanghai, China. In 2014 she received the 'Assets for Artists' grant from MassMoca, which allowed her the opportunity to open her very own Art Gallery & Studio at 106 William St. New Bedford MA. She also teaches private and group Art classes & workshops from her art studio. Alison's paintings are part of private, public and corporate collections. Her most recent local public commissions were for the Boston Children's Hospital in Boston and the pediatric ward at St Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. Her exhibition, *In the Neighborhood* is on view in the Whaling Museum's Braitmayer Gallery through November 2021.