



## Slate of Nominees - Lakeridge Health Board of Trustees 2020/2021



### **Jeff Beaton, Whitby**

Jeffrey Beaton is from Whitby and is a member of the Resources Committee.

Jeffrey works for the City of Pickering in Park Operations.

He lends his time to many local organizations including the Town of Whitby where he is the Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACC) and chairs the ACC's Built Environment and Site Plans Subcommittee. He also supports the Program Advisory Committee for Durham College's Horticulture program, and the Durham Youth Justice Committee through the Boys and Girls Club of Durham.

Jeffrey graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an undergraduate degree in biology and the University of Guelph with a graduate degree in Landscape Architecture. He is a licensed Landscape Architect.



## **Shashi Bhatia, Pickering**

Shashi Bhatia is from Pickering and is a member of the Governance Committee.

Shashi is a leader and a community builder, who is committed to promoting tolerance, understanding and inclusiveness for all. A founding Chair of the Indo-Canadian Cultural Association of Durham (ICCAD), she is a driving force behind the highly successful “Roots and Drum” concerts in support of the Durham West Arts Centre and a member of a multifaith community of Durham Region.

She is an Exclusivity Advisor to the Chief of Durham Regional Police Service, and a Durham Ambassador (Influencer) of the Canadian Armed Forces, Director on Board of the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa and a member of the Advisory Board for Carea Community Health Centre. She is also a member of Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan’s fundraising Committee in support of Ajax Pickering Hospital and various charities in Durham Region and an associate member of Canadian Legion 606, Pickering. She has co-founded various cultural and heritage organizations in Durham Region and created Durham Advisory Committee bringing together various multifaith and multicultural organizations under one banner.

Shashi has served on many provincial and federal quasi-judicial boards and tribunals, including the Immigration and Refugee Board, the Consent and Capacity Board and the Social Benefits Tribunal.

She appeared as a trail blazer in the East Magazine of Durham Region. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions and commendation for her service to the community, including a leadership award from Toronto police service and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



### **Sharon Cochran, Whitby**

Dr. Sharon Cochran (EdD) is from Whitby and is Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Sharon brings with her extensive experience in the post-secondary system and community corporate boards. She consults in the post-secondary system. She was formerly the Director of Faculty Bargaining Services for the Canadian Association of University Business Officers, which provides support in labour negotiations to Canadian Universities.

Sharon is a former Vice President of Special Projects and Vice President of Administration and Finance for the University of Northern British Columbia, Associate Vice President of Human Resources for the University of Saskatchewan and Director of Academic Relations for Simon Fraser University.

She serves on the boards of the Abilities Centre (Vice-Chair) and Kinark Child & Family Services.

Her education includes a Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of British Columbia and she has achieved the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.



### **Thelson Desamour, Pickering**

Thelson Desamour is from Pickering and is Chair of the Quality Committee.

Thelson is a litigation lawyer specializing in commercial and insurance disputes. He was called to the Bar in Ontario in 2006.

He is counsel with Fenchurch General Insurance Company. Previously, he served as in-house counsel at a national insurance company as well as a mediator with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario.

Thelson volunteers with the Advocates Society, serves on the Board of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers and has been published in Lawyers Weekly.

Thelson graduated from the University of Windsor Faculty of Law.



### **Carion Fenn, Ajax**

Carion Fenn is from Ajax and is a member of the Quality Committee and Chair of the Ajax Pickering Community Panel.

Carion has received several recognitions for her community service, including the Ontario Volunteer Service Award, the Ajax Civic Award, Education and the Accessibility Community Award from the Town of Ajax. She was also honoured to be selected as one of the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women 2018 by the Honourable Jean Augustine and her co-authors and one of the 35 Courageous Women by The Denise House.

She is a past Accessibility Advisor to the Town of Ajax Council and Vice Chair on the Accessibility Advisory Committee, as well as a former volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.

Carion is a TV show host at Rogers TV Durham. She is also the Founder and President of the Carion Fenn Foundation, a registered charity established to provide support, education and resources for rare and chronic disease management.



### **Ben Gray, Scugog/Brock**

Ben Gray is from Port Perry and is a member of the Resources Committee.

Ben began his legal career at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Ottawa over 20 years ago and he has held successively more senior in-house roles since leaving private practice in 2001.

In 2011, Ben was a finalist for the ZSA General Counsel of the Year Award for Litigation Management, and he is the Executive Representative on the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association (CGPA) and Chair of the Association's Legal Affairs Committee. He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over 15 years and currently is Vice President and General Counsel of Teva Canada Limited.

Ben has served as a Board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Durham and continues to support various community charities, including the Durham Children's Aid Foundation, the local hospice, and the Annual Walk for Dog Guides.



### **Cordelia Clarke Julien, Pickering**

Cordelia Clarke Julien is from Pickering, her home for over 20 years and is Vice Chair of the Resources Committee.

As a self-professed change agent, Cordelia has held several executive roles in the Ontario Public Service focused on change and transformation including, but not limited to, leading teams as a senior executive in the Ministries of Labour, Finance, Revenue and the Office of the Premier and Cabinet Office. She is currently the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ontario Growth Secretariat in the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As a former publicist for CTV, Cordelia has put her communications, policy and strategic planning skills to work for not-for-profit organizations in her community, including a past Director of the United Way of Ajax, Pickering and Uxbridge prior to amalgamation as well as providing supports to organizations promoting mental wellness.

Cordelia has an MA in Political Science and International Relations with specialization in Public Administration and a Double Major Honours BA in Mass Communications and Political Science. She is also a certified project manager, change management specialist and public relations practitioner.



### **Shane Hardy, Ajax**

Shane Hardy is from Ajax and is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Shane is a Partner at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP and is on his firm's Senior Leadership Team where he also serves as Chair of the business law group.

He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2002 and advanced quickly to partnership at Cassels Brock, where his practice focuses on intellectual property and brand management.



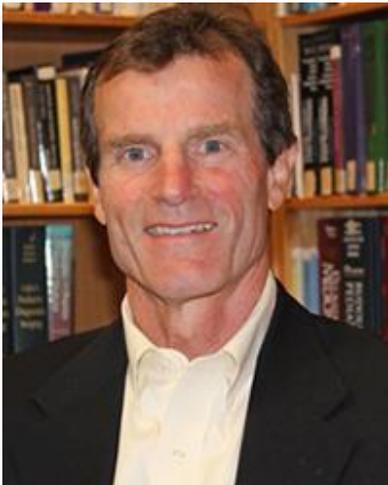
### **Bill Sims, Bowmanville**

Bill Sims is the president and owner of Durham Medical, located in central Oshawa and has been President of Durham Mental Services, Board of Directors since 2009.

His experiences with both have given him a working knowledge of the Community Health Care and Mental Health Care systems and exposed him to the Accreditation, Governance and Strategic Planning processes. Bill graduated from McMaster University with a Mechanical Engineering degree.

He started his work career with Johnson Controls, a large multi-national company involved in commercial, industrial and institutional buildings. This gave him experience in large building construction, maintenance and operations while providing him with a solid business foundation to run and grow Durham Medical.

He and his wife contribute to many community organizations including Grandview Children's Treatment Centre, Community Foundation, Parkwood Foundation, Bowmanville Hospital Foundation, UOIT and believe in a strong community.



### **Jeff Somerville, Whitby**

Jeff Somerville is from Whitby and is Chair of the Governance Committee.

Jeff is an international sales and marketing professional with more than 25 years of experience in biotechnology, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. He has held senior executive positions in the U.S., Canada and internationally.

Jeff is active in the community, having coached hockey, sailing and baseball and served as Chair of the Ontario Operating Room Nurses Advisory Committee, Commodore of the Stony Lake Yacht Club and member of the Alpha-1 Foundation Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation.

He has a BSc from Wilfred Laurier University and completed numerous executive programs including at the Tuck, Ashridge, and Melbourne business schools



## **Nancy Shaw, Oshawa**

Nancy is from Oshawa.

Nancy is the CEO for the The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce. She was the former Executive Assistant to the late Honourable Jim Flaherty, M.P., Minister of Finance for Canada.

Born and raised in Durham, Nancy has always maintained a close connection to the community. She was an active member of ProAction Cops & Kids, Tribute to our Troops and the Abilities Centre. She is the past President of the Foundation Board for Parkwood National Historic Estate in Oshawa and is a Director on the Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Committee. Most recently, she became the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Ontario Regiment.

Nancy is a proud graduate of Durham College, as a Registered Nurses Assistant.