



## Board of Directors

FY25

July 2024-June 2025

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### President

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### Treasurer

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**Carol W. Golder**, Past President  
(FY 2027)

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### Members At Large

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(Year) designates end of term.  
OC By-laws require 8-13 members



**BOARD MEETING DATES  
FY25**

**6:30-8:30pm**

**1740 Ridge Ave. Suite 117 Evanston, IL 60201**

**2024**

**September 7**      Retreat and Full Board Meeting in-person at OC office  
9:30 am-1:30 pm

**November 9**  
9:30am -1:00 pm      Retreat Part Two in-person at OC office

**November 20**      Board Meeting    (Zoom)

**2025**

**January 22**      Board Meeting    (Zoom) (rescheduled to February 05)

February 26      Board Gathering -- TBD

**March 19**      Board Meeting in-person at OC office

April 23      Board Gathering --TBD

**May 28**      Board Meeting (Zoom)

**June 25**      Annual Board Meeting    in-person at OC office

**Invites will be sent for all board meetings. Meetings held on Zoom will include links.**



## BOARD COMMITTEES FY25

### Executive Committee

- Organizational structure
- Board operations
- Coordinating and tracking committee projects
- Agency administration, including supervising Executive Director
- Legal requirements for maintaining nonprofit

President: Herb Brenner

Vice President: Jessica Flores

Past President: Carol Golder

Treasurer: Adam Klingher

Secretary: Emily Love

Staff: Cheryl Lawrence

### Finance Committee

- Financial accountability
- Budgeting process
- Property management
- Investments
- Financial audits

Treasurer: Adam Klingher

President: Herb Brenner

Vice President: Jessica Flores

Staff: Cheryl Lawrence, Dalal Boudiaf

### Fundraising Committee

- Fundraising plan
- Individual and major gifts
- Special events
- Marketing
- Other resource development

Board: Carol Golder

Staff: Sarah Petersen

### Advocacy Committee

- Works with staff to set advocacy priorities
- Assists in capacity building efforts to support advocacy work

Staff: Dominic Voz

Board: Roger Williams, Helen Cho

### Board Development Committee

- New board member recruitment
- Current board engagement activities
- New board member orientation
- Coordinate board evaluation process
- Provide board recognition activities

Staff:

Board:

### Strategic Committee (ad hoc)

- Review and evaluates strategic plan progress
- Review yearly strategic goals
- Evaluates new program proposals to prevent mission creep
- Plans new strategic plan when appropriate

Staff:

Board:

## **BOARD MEMBER---- QUICK REFERENCE FY25**

### **Address:**

Open Communities  
1740 Ridge Ave., Suite 117  
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### **Main Contacts at Open Communities:**

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Dalal Boudiaf, Finance: 224-241-6079 [dalal@open-communities.org](mailto:dalal@open-communities.org)  
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### **Board Meeting Dates:**

- 09/7/24, 11/20/24, 01/22/25, 03/19/25, 05/28/25, 06/25/25
- June Meeting- elect officers, new slate of board members, pass budget

### **Insurance Broker (D&O, Gen. Liability):**

**Troxell**, Contact: Sharlene Langford, [slangford@troxellins.com](mailto:slangford@troxellins.com) or 312-948-5232

### **Registered Agent:**

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Phone: 800-927-9801 x 68841  
Account Number: 8392322  
Account Name: Open Communities

**Federal EIN: 36-2934709** (donor may request this).

### **Bank**

Wintrust Bank (main checking and savings)  
901 Grove St. Evanston, IL 60202  
Contact: Lisa Wynn, [lwinn@wintrust.com](mailto:lwinn@wintrust.com) or 708-457-1083

**Investment Fund-Quasi Endowment** (designated by Board, passed on 11/18/2020) permanently restricted funds from which income is available for general operations or certain specific purposes. For the organization to use the funds, the board must vote on this.

Evanston Community Foundation (ECF)  
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**Board Size**—min. 8 members, max 13 members- staggered terms

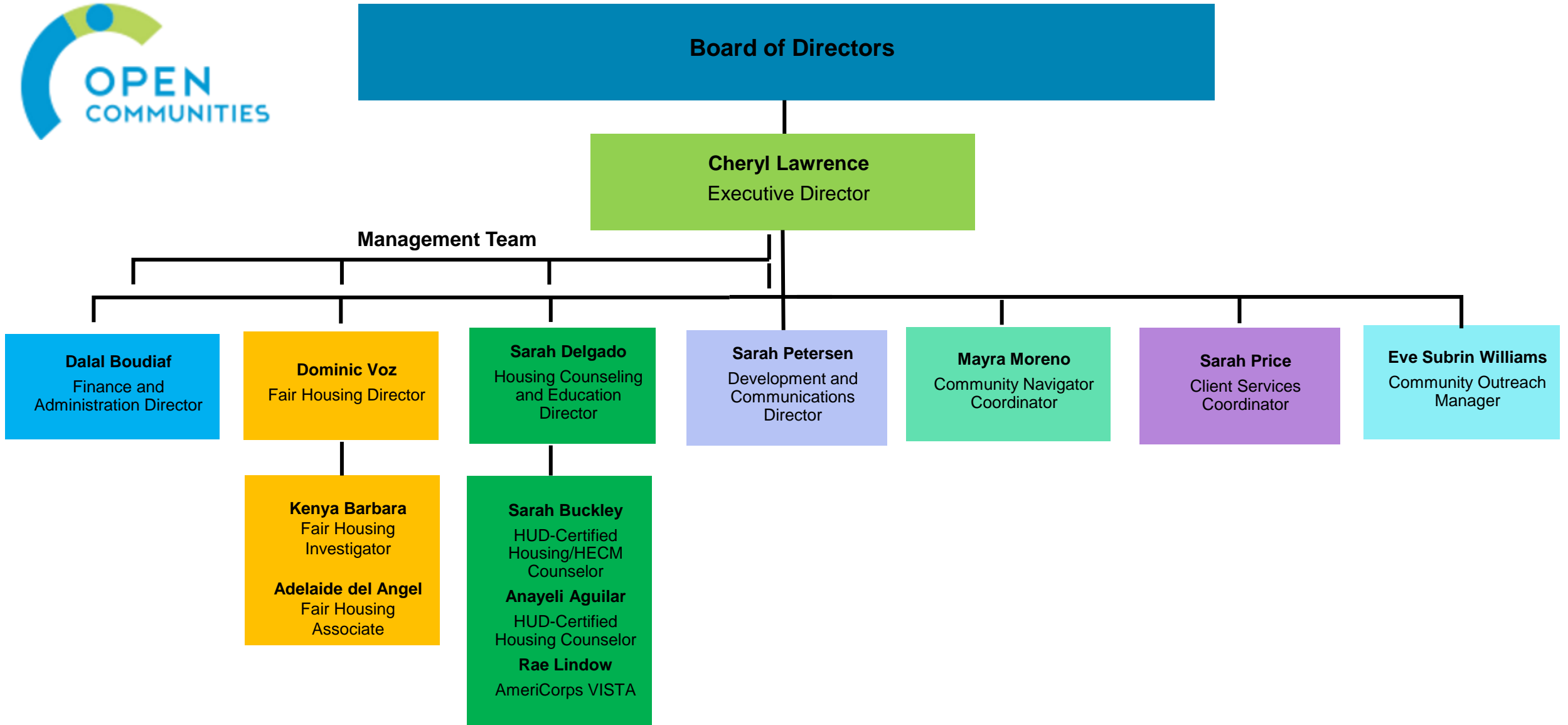
**Board Meeting Attendance Requirements:** 6 meetings per year and must attend at least 4,  
3 missed meetings = auto resignation

### **Good Board Resources:**

- **Joan Garry Non-profit Superhero:** wonderful consultant with great board tips sent to your inbox (free) [Joan Garry Consulting](#)
- **Blue Avocado:** a lot of great board resources and has free articles on website [Blue Avocado- NonProfits Helping NonProfits Succeed](#)
- **BoardSource:**- They have excellent board resources on their website. [BoardSource](#)
- Non-Profit Quarterly

### **Book recommendations:**

- *Non-Profit Board Success* by James Ruell (free with Kindle Unlimited)- short book, very succinct primer on board service.
- *Arbitrary Lines* by M. Nolan Grey: How zoning broke the American City
- *Fixer Upper* by Jenny Schuetz : How of repair America's Broken Housing System
- *Excluded* by Richard D. Kahlenberg: How Snob Zoning, Nimbyism, and Class Bias build the walls we don't see.
- *Redlined* by Linda Gartz: Exposes the discriminatory mortgage lending in 1960's Chicago, refusing to anyone with even one black household in the area.
- *Color of Law* by Ricard Rothstein: A forgotten history of how the government segregated America
- *Just Action* by Richard Rothstein and Leah Rothstein: Describes how we can begin to undo the ravages of housing segregation.
- *Evicted*, by Matthew Desmond: Takes you through the world of low-income evictions and landlord exploitation, as he follow several families through their stories.
- *Poverty by America* by Matthew Desmond: Is there an incentive for America to keep the poor in poverty?
- *Family Properties* by Beryl Satter: takes you to Chicago in the 1950's and 1960's to show the effect of contract sales on homes sold to primarily African Americans who could not buy a house any other way and how it stole generational wealth and perpetuated segregation.
- *Friends Disappear* by Mary Barr: she tells her story of growing up 1960's and 1970's Evanston, highlighting her experience as the City desegregated schools.



## Organization Chart

Updated 12/05/24



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**Staff Contact List- updated 10/01/24**

Staff	Position	Email	Direct Office #	Personal Cell #	Birth Date	Anniversary Date
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Cheryl Lawrence	CEO/Executive Director	cheryl@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6078	(773) 331-4367	May 2	12/01/2021
Dalal Boudiaf	Director of Development	dalal@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6079	(302) 544-2955	June 9	04/07/2021
Dominic Voz	Director of Fair Housing	dominic@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6080	(971) 409-2037	December 23	12/06/2021
Eleanor Lindow	Housing Counseling VISTA	elindow@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6081	(904) 525-3643	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8/26/2024
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Mayra Moreno	Community Navigator Coordinator	mmoreno@open-communities.org	224-341-6089	(773) 301-3883	August 26	09/05/23
Sarah Buckley	HUD-Certified Housing Counselor	sbuckley@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6085	(847) 848-0533	June 14	03/28/2022
Sarah Delgado	Director of Housing Counseling/HUD-Certified Housing Counselor	sdelgado@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6088	(815) 222-1574	September 24	09/19/2022
Sarah Petersen	Development Associate	spetersen@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6087	(617) 308-1384	September 11	5/9/2023
Sarah Price	Client Services Coordinator	sprice@open-communities.org	(224) 341-6086	(847) 530-9210	November 19	01/10/2022