



Manal Saab, Chairperson

Manal Saab, of Fenton, is CEO of SGCS. She is serving as Vice Chair of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint; past Chair of the National Advisory Board for the Arab American National Trustees. She is an Emeritus member of the Boards of Directors and Governors for ALSAC & St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A founding member of the national professional advisory board of the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), and a founding member of Takreem-USA. Mrs. Saab and her husband, Ghassan, are the first Flint-area philanthropists to receive the 2010 Russell G. Mawby Award for Philanthropy, the highest award recognizing philanthropy in the State of Michigan and the Rotary International Crystal Award.

Term expires April 19, 2022



Micheal Romaya, First Vice Chairperson

Michael J. Romaya, of West Bloomfield, is a corporate attorney and partner at Varnum LLP, representing lenders and borrowers in a variety of commercial financial transactions. He advises companies on various areas of corporate law with a strong focus on mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions, and serves as the outside general counsel for numerous companies. Romaya is a graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and received his undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Michigan. He has been recognized professionally as a 2013 "Up & Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly and as a Michigan Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Term Expires April 19, 2022



John Daoud, *Second Vice Chair*

John Daoud of Troy is the Director of Human Resources at the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC). He earned his MBA from Western Michigan University and his BA from Albion college and used his education and expertise in his career as the president and CEO of Al Long Ford and later transitioned to work in the non-profit sector at ACC. He has served the community by being part of the Ford Fund Multicultural Advisory Committee; DTE Community Advisory Council; Eastern Michigan University Advisory Board (Detroit campus); Salvation Army Advisory Board; Detroit Historical Society Board; Lions of Michigan Council of Governors and a Leadership Detroit alum.

Term expires April 19, 2023



Lina Harajli, *Treasurer*

Lina Harajli, of Dearborn, is COO of the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS) and oversees ACCESS's more than 100 programs and operational departments. Her major accomplishments include leading the migration of the organization to a cloud-based IT infrastructure; spearheading the implementation of an integrated Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), and leading several facility renovations, including the recent expansion of the Arab American National Museum's Annex. Harajli received her bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn, is a graduate of Leadership Detroit XXXV.

Term expires April 19, 2023



Suzanne K. Sukkar, Secretary

Suzanne Sukkar, of Ypsilanti, is of counsel at Dickinson Wright, PLLC. Suzanne represents clients before government agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, Department of State, and Department of Labor. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Immigration Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, National Association of Professional Women, and the Lawyers Committee for the Washtenaw County American Civil Liberties Union. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University.

Term expires April 19, 2022



Dr. Nabeel Obeid, Trustee

Dr. Nabeel Obeid, of Ann Arbor, is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Michigan Medicine, with subspecialty training in minimally-invasive and bariatric surgery. He has held numerous leadership positions, both locally and on the national level. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the National Arab American Medical Association, and the Syrian American Medical Society. He attended the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Obeid continued his training in general surgery at New York University School of Medicine and completed a fellowship in minimally-invasive and bariatric surgery at Stony Brook University Hospital.

Term expires April 19, 2023



“Dave” Wassim Abdallah

Dave Abdallah, of Dearborn Heights, is a Century 21 realtor of more than 25 years. He is a City of Dearborn Heights Councilman. Dave has served on the Executive Board of the Bint Jbeil Cultural Center. He is also a member of the Dearborn Heights Tax Tribunal Review and is a Dearborn Heights Community Organization member. Dave is currently Vice President of AAPAC (Arab American Political Action Committee). Abdallah earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan. He has been inducted into the Century 21 International Masters Hall of Fame. Abdallah has served his local Association of Realtors as a Director, Vice President and President and also elected the Realtor of the Year.

Term expires April 19, 2025



Fay Beydoun

Fay Beydoun, of Dearborn, is the Executive Director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, Chief Operating Officer of Tejara & Tejara Global Business Development Center, executive co-chair of the Council of Ethnic Chamber of Commerce, and serves as the chief executive officer of the American Middle East Economic Affairs Committee. She served on the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and was appointed in 2013 by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as a board member of the Michigan East District Export Council.

Term expires April 19, 2023



Susan Dabaja

Susan Dabaja, of Dearborn, is President of the Dearborn City Council and is senior attorney at the Law Office of Susan A. Dabaja, PC. She is co-chair of the Dearborn Education Foundation and President of the Dearborn Bar Association and is an active member/volunteer in the Dearborn Rotary, Dearborn Goodfellows and several other organizations. Dabaja earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy, where she graduated first in her law school class. Dabaja is a trained mediator, and has over 17 years of legal experience in courts across the state of Michigan.

Term expires April 19, 2025



Nadine Kalasho

Nadine Yousif Kalasho is the President of CODE Legal Aid, She co-founded CODE in response to the influx of refugees coming from the Middle-East in 2014. Nadine is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School where she was Editor and Public Relations Director of the Journal of Law in Society, worked as student attorney for the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic and was an intern for the office of the General Counsel and Labor Relations Department for Detroit Public Schools.

She received her B.A. in Political Science in 2012 from Wayne State University and most recently was named co-counsel to the federal case: Hamama v. Adducci, which halted the deportations of around 1400 Iraqi nationals.

Term expires April 19, 2023



Martin Manna

Martin Manna is the President of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and Chaldean Community Foundation. The Chaldean Chamber of Commerce seeks to represent the estimated 25,000 Chaldean-owned businesses in Michigan. The Chaldean Community Foundation provides social services and acculturation to more than 45,000 individuals annually. Martin is also one of the founders and co-publisher of The Chaldean News, a monthly magazine distributed to over 10,000 Chaldean households. Martin is involved in several civic and community affairs. Currently he is a Director for New Detroit, Advancing Macomb and Henry Ford Macomb Hospital.

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Adel Mozip

Adel Mozip is a software developer for Urban Science Inc and a managing director of Sheba4Tech LLC. He previously served as an associate developer for Compuware Corp. and as a creative designer for the Yemeni American News. He previously served as the National Public Relations officer of the American Association of Yemeni Students and Professionals. Mozip earned a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is completing his master's in business administration at Wayne State University in May 2016.

Term expires April 19, 2025



Nabeleh Ghareeb

Nabeleh Ghareeb, a business consultant and project manager for multiple non-profit agencies in the city of Detroit. Nabeleh served in various leadership roles in nonprofit organizations and Higher education institutions, such as Chief Strategy and Administrative Officer at the Children's Center of Wayne County, and Associate Vice president of Business and Auxiliary Operation at Wayne State University. Nabeleh volunteers with Arab America foundation and Arab American Women Business Council where she served two terms as President of the Council. Nabeleh completed her undergraduate studies in Business Management at Wayne State University and master's degree in education administration and Postgraduate at the University of Toledo.

Term expires April 19, 2022



Jaleelah H. Ahmed

Jaleelah H. Ahmed, of Dearborn Heights, is the superintendent of Hamtramck Public Schools and a part-time faculty member at Wayne State University where she teaches ESL courses. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the State University of New York, Master of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Education.

Term expires April, 19 2022



Amal M. Berry

Amal M. Berry, of Dearborn, is the senior manager of global diversity, equity, and inclusion for Ford Motor Company. She is a member of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and History from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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