PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

# 2026 Social Services Board Member Directory

### Biographies and Headshots

## Board Member Overview

The Social Services Board for the Prince George's County Department of Social Services (PGCDSS) comprises a distinguished, multi-disciplinary body of clinical experts, educational leaders, human services administrators, corporate executives, legal advocates, and community leaders. Below is the quick-reference leadership summary table, followed by the complete, unabridged biographical profiles and portrait photo cards for all eight board members.

| Board Member Name | Board Role | Primary Professional Background & Focus |
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| **Audrey Skrine Chase** | **Board Chair** | Clinical Social Work; State Behavioral Health Leader |
| **Nathaniel L. Wallace, Ed.S.** | **Board Co-Chair** | K–12 Educational Leader; Community Advocate |
| **Stephanie Cox** | **Board Secretary** | Human Services Professional; Specialty Pharma Sales |
| **Dr. Shirley Newton-Guest** | **Board Member** | Director & Co-founder New Perspective Consultants; Ethics Tutor |
| **Salome Peters, M.Ed, M.Sc.** | **Board Member** | Retired Human Services Administrator; Political & Civic Leader |
| **Kenneth White** | **Board Member** | President & CEO Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce |
| **Caprina A. Harris** | **Board Member** | DC Superior Court Juvenile Probation Officer; Author & Advocate |
| **Keshia L. Adams** | **Board Member** | Senior Program Manager; Youth & Housing Advocate |



# Audrey Skrine Chase

## Social Services Board Chair

Clinical Social Work | State Behavioral Health Leader | Social Justice Ministry

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Audrey Skrine Chase, a native of Washington, D.C., completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology from Delaware State University and her graduate degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland. For the full span of her career, she has served as a practician, licensed to practice clinical social work, adding supervisory, management, and leadership responsibilities to a cadre of positions in the mental health/behavioral health field. Throughout her expansive career, Mrs. Chase has always demonstrated her commitment to and/or on behalf of children, families and adults presenting behavioral health challenges.

In her latest employment tenure, completed with the State of Maryland's Behavioral Health Administration, Mrs. Chase initially served as the first female and first African American Chief Executive Officer of the State's residential treatment program for children/adolescents in Prince George's County and, later on, as the Assistant Director of Managed Care, Office of Compliance. In both positions, Mrs. Chase enjoyed opportunities to help create and evaluate innovative services, collaborating with a host of agencies and professionals with like-minded goals, and resolve unique compliance challenges in community agencies. As a two-term appointed member of the Social Services Board for Prince George's County, her prior and current service as Secretary and Chair allows her to lend her leadership skills and talents to support the Department's various goals and initiatives. Further, her belief in uninterrupted active service is shown in her work on various Committees within the Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., her beloved public service sorority.

At First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Mrs. Chase serves as Vice President of the Social Justice Ministry – diligently working to help raise awareness and ignite the call to action around issues such as voter education/mobilization, domestic violence/sexual assault, gun violence, racial disparities, police shootings, and a host of other injustices that adversely affect the Prince George's County community. Mrs. Chase's unyielding pledge is to serve – to "pay the rent to occupy space on the planet". It is her passionate effort to help those who may not be in the position to help themselves at some moment in time. Mrs. Chase and Dr. K. B. Chase, her husband, have three (3) adult children — Tarik, Jamila and Kalif — and seven (7) grandchildren.



## Nathaniel L. Wallace, Ed.S.

### Social Services Board Co-Chair

K–12 Educational Leader | Total Care Services Board | CASA Advocate

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Nathaniel L. Wallace, Ed.S., is an educator, educational leader, and community advocate with more than 13 years of experience in K–12 education and a longstanding commitment to serving children, families, and vulnerable populations throughout Prince George's County and the greater Washington metropolitan area. His professional work focuses on educational equity, student achievement, family engagement, and creating supportive environments where individuals have opportunities to thrive.

Mr. Wallace serves as a member of Prince George's County Social Services Board, where he supports community awareness and engagement surrounding policies, programs, and services designed to strengthen individuals and families. His commitment to community service extends beyond his role as Secretary and Member of the Board of Directors of Total Care Services, Inc., an organization dedicated to helping individuals meet life's challenges through person-centered services and support that promote independence, community integration, and personal choice. Mr. Wallace also serves on the Board of Directors of CASA/Prince George's County and the Citizen Review Board for Children. For more than a decade, he has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), advocating for the safety, wellbeing, and permanency of children and youth involved in the foster care system.

Mr. Wallace holds an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in K–12 Educational Leadership and multiple graduate degrees and credentials in education, reading, educational technology, leadership. Throughout his professional and community service, Mr. Wallace remains committed to advocacy, equity, service, and strengthening communities. He believes meaningful leadership requires not only identifying the needs of individuals and families but also ensuring they have a voice, access to resources, and support.




# Stephanie Cox

## Social Services Board Secretary

Human Services & Specialty Pharma | Junior League Chapter President | Resource Navigation

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Stephanie Cox is a dedicated human services professional, community advocate, and longtime resident of Prince George's County, MD, with more than four decades of connection to the community. She currently serves as Secretary on the Prince George's County Social Services Board, where she brings a strong commitment to supporting families, strengthening community resources, and advancing services that improve quality of life for residents.

Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland's College of Health and Human Performance, with a concentration in Family Studies. Her professional background spans state government and the private sector, with experience in program management, human services, family wellbeing, education, applied research, legal analysis, and policy development. Throughout her career, Stephanie has worked in roles supporting vulnerable adults, clients, and families through case management, community partnership coordination, resource navigation, and consultation. Her work has consistently focused on connecting individuals and families with services, support, and resources that promote stability and well-being.

In addition to her professional experience, Stephanie has demonstrated sustained leadership in community service. She most recently served as President of the newly chartered Prince George's County Chapter of the Junior League, an international women's volunteer organization recognized for developing civic leaders, advancing social reform, and addressing community needs through collaborative solutions.

Stephanie currently serves as a specialty pharmaceutical sales representative, working with healthcare providers, hospitals, and external stakeholders to support access to innovative medicines across a range of medical specialties. She brings to her work a continued focus on access, affordability, and patient-centered care. Stephanie has been married for 25 years and is the proud mother of three children. Her personal interests include reading, classic films, theatre, travel, and language learning, including her current study of Spanish as a second language.



## Dr. Shirley Newton-Guest

### Social Services Board Member

Transcultural Therapeutic Director | Academic Chair & Ethics Tutor | Published Author

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Dr. Shirley Newton-Guest is the Director and Co-founder of New Perspective Transcultural Therapeutic and Training Consultants, LLC. Before establishing this organization, she developed and led private and nonprofit comprehensive, community-based mental health facilities in Washington, D.C.

She served as the Clinical Director at Bethany Christian Services in Crofton, Maryland, until March 2024. She served as a full-time professor and Department Chair at Coppin State University in the University System of Maryland. She was also a full-time professor at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work in Richmond, VA, and an adjunct professor at the Howard University School of Social Work.

Dr. Newton-Guest is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Washington, D.C., and a Licensed Certified Social Worker – Clinical in the State of Maryland. She is an Ethics Tutor for the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, the state's licensing board. She has an extensive background in programmatic oversight, program development, implementation, clinical supervision, and direct clinical practice. She has worked in mental health, maternal and child health, and substance use disorders in the public and private sectors. She is a published author and an accomplished presenter at the regional, national, and international levels.

Dr. Newton-Guest received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Grambling State University in Grambling, LA.  She earned her Master's and Doctor of Social Work from Howard University School of Social Work in Washington, D.C.




# Salome Peters, M.Ed; M.Sc

## Social Services Board Member

Retired Grants Management Director | Independent Organization Development / HRD Consultant and Trainer | Civic & Political Leader

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Salome Peters is a retired human services administrator and Independent Organization / Human Resources Development Consultant and Trainer. She retired as Director of the Office of Grants Management within the Maryland Department of Human Services (formerly known as Maryland Department of Human Resources).

As an Independent Organization Development / HRD Consultant and Trainer, she assisted several organizations with their mission, vision, strategic planning, HRD training; staff training and development. Clients include community colleges, Association of Physician Assistants, and faith-based organizations. She became very active in her community after retirement, serving on the Prince George's County Social Services Board, Columbia Housing Board, Homeowners Association Board, various political campaigns, and as an Election Judge.

Salome was elected in 2010 and 2014, respectively, to the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, the governing body of the Maryland Democratic Party, representing the 21st Legislative District. She served on various sub-committees and chaired the Multicultural Sub Committee. In 2014, she was elected 2nd Vice Chair, and in 2016, served as the Chair of the Committee. She represented the Committee on the Maryland Democratic Party Committee from 2014 – 2018.

Ms. Peters represented the 4th Congressional District with the Electoral College as a Presidential Elector in 2016 and in 2020 and was elected to serve as a 4th Congressional District Delegate for the Democratic Party Presidential Candidate, Joseph Biden. In 2022, she was appointed to serve on the Prince George's County Social Services Board. She's currently affiliated with the African and African American Women's Association and the Maryland Museum of African Art. Her main reason for being active in her community and politics is to make a difference in building a more inclusive and just America and a better future for the next generation.



# Kenneth White

## Social Services Board Member

President & CEO Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce | Power 30 Business Leader

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Kenneth White is the President and CEO of the Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce. Before assuming this role, he served as Senior Vice President and Relationship Manager at Sandy Spring Bank. Mr. White's career in banking and economic development spans more than 40 years. He has held positions at Signal Financial Federal Credit Union, M & T Bank, Bank of America, Working for Success Economic Development Corporation, The Washington Project, New Day Consulting, and Southeastern University's Center for Entrepreneurship.

Mr. White serves on the Prince George's County Social Services Board, the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Black Collective, and the Maryland Association of Social Services Board Foundation. He also serves on the Maryland State Comptroller's Business Advisory Council.

He is a former board member of the Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Prince George's, Maryland Commercial Lenders Association, and FSC First.

Mr. White earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Potomac College. He is also a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School's Minority Leadership Development Program, Leadership Prince George's, and the 2026 Leadership Montgomery class.

In 2022, Mr. White was recognized by The Daily Record with its Power 30 Business Leaders Award. He has also received awards for his community involvement from Leadership Prince George's, Prince George's County FSC First, the Prince George's Small Business Initiative Alliance, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.



## Caprina A. Harris

### Social Services Board Member

Adjunct Professor | DC Superior Court Juvenile Probation Officer | Author & Publisher | Advocate for Differently-abled Youth

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Caprina A. Harris is a native of Norfolk, VA, and long-term resident of Prince George's County, MD. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services, with a concentration in Family and Child Development, from Virginia Tech University. She holds a Master in Science in Education degree in Counseling from Old Dominion University. She has worked for twenty-one years for the District of Columbia Superior Court as a Juvenile Probation Officer and is also an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Prince George's Community College.

In 2014, she launched 'Write It Right', providing editing services to authors. Her editing credits include several works of fiction, biographies, an African-centered educational textbook, and a manual for the Department for Housing and Urban Development. Her author debut, "Fortified for the Journey", is scheduled for release in Spring 2027.

In March 2022, she was appointed to serve on the Prince George's County Social Services Board. This civic endeavor was motivated by the birth of her son in 2014, who was born with Down Syndrome, and has autism. As a staunch advocate for her son, she pursued the board position to be a voice for the needs of the differently-abled community in the County.

She is a mother to two wonderful children, Khyle (age 20) and Judah (age 11). In her free time she enjoys watching college football (Go Hokies!), singing at her church and serving as a Co-Chair on the Caregiver's committee of her local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



# Keshia L. Adams

## Social Services Board Member

Senior Program Manager | Civic Leader | Community Advocate

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Keisha Adams has spent the greater part of her life dedicated to public service, extending beyond her professional career. Over the years, she has traveled and observed apparent barriers to access and stark gaps in resources and support for the communities that often need them most.

From 2017 to 2019, Keisha served as Vice President of the Brooklyn Young Democrats. She has also remained actively involved on her community's board, serving on the Youth and Public Safety Committee. Recognizing the importance of creating safe, supportive spaces for young people, she also helped introduce Girl Scout Troop 6000 to shelters in the Flatbush neighborhood, expanding opportunities for girls and young people living in temporary housing.

Across her years of service, Keisha has been honored and recognized with awards, certificates, citations and proclamations for her community work in New York City communities and with the Guyanese diaspora, including the Yvette D. Clarke Rising Star Award in 2017, along with six citations and Certificates of Merit from elected officials in New York. These recognitions represent more than personal achievements; they reflect the importance of continued advocacy, community partnership, and investing in the well-being of others.

The calling for public service eventually led her to the social services field, where Keisha began her professional journey with HELP USA. Serving in roles that included Criminal Justice Coordinator and Supervisor, Keisha worked with individuals facing complex barriers related to homelessness, reentry, and access to essential services. She collaborated with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and legal service providers to improve outcomes for shelter residents. Keisha worked closely with the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), legal aid providers, the Human Rights Commission, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Homeless Services, and the Fortune Society. Today, Keisha continues this work in Washington, D.C., where Keisha now serves as a Senior Program Manager.