



WATCH CDC Slate of Board of Directors 2026-2027

	Ken Rabinoff-Goldman is a retired chiropractor who spent most of his life in New York, before moving to Waltham nine years ago to be closer to his grandchildren. He is an avid cyclist, baker and cook and loves to read, study and volunteer. He first came to WATCH as an assistant ESL teacher; he loves watching the students work hard and succeed. Ken feels the opportunity to serve on the Board of WATCH allows him to assist in accomplishing its many goals as we respond to our community's ever-changing needs.
	Chisomo Billy is originally from Malawi. He recently graduated from The Heller School at Brandeis University with an MA in Sustainable International Development. He has lived in Waltham for the past 5 years. He learned about WATCH in 2020 during the covid pandemic when WATCH was helping people with social services like housing, food, and transportation. He is inspired by the work that WATCH does and that is the reason he joined the Board. As a development practitioner, Billy is passionate about accessibility and affordability of housing and wants to help create a welcoming and inclusive community in Waltham.
	Norma Wyse is a retired physician with years of experience as an educator. She has taught in a variety of programs across the globe, teaching everything from after-school science education, to bilingual education in Indiana, to medical English in Japan. Norma is passionate about helping people find their way in a new country. She has volunteered at WATCH for many years teaching ESL. On the Board, Norma has served this year as WATCH's Treasurer and hopes to gain a deeper understanding of all of WATCH's programs. Outside of WATCH, Norma volunteers at English Now.
	Deborah Jose, previously served on the WATCH Board for six years, including four and a half years as Co-President alongside Virginia Monroe. Over the years, she has contributed to WATCH in various ways—working on the HiSET/GED science curriculum, serving as a substitute teacher, and currently enjoying her role with the WATCH book group. She is deeply grateful to WATCH for its unwavering commitment to advocacy, education, and creating meaningful opportunities for growth—both for individuals and for the broader Waltham community.
	Maria Silva grew up in Brazil and has been in Waltham for seven years. She was introduced to the organization after receiving assistance at WATCH. She has 35 years of experience working with Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking populations as a translator, community organizer, Americorps alumnus, independent consultant, and Uber driver. In addition to her work experience, she has many extracurriculars that include being involved in organizations to eliminate cancer and end domestic violence, serving as a Cambridge Health Alliance volunteer, and as grandparents' group consultant.
	Lilian Gutierrez, is a dedicated mother of four and a long-time, active member of the Waltham community. She is currently a GED student at WATCH CDC, where she is known for her quick learning and willingness to support her classmates. In addition to her studies, Lilian teaches at the Waltham Family School, where she shares her passion for education and community building. She is excited to bring her experience and commitment to service to her new role on the WATCH Board where she can gain new skills and give back to the community.
	Gricelda Lamour is originally from Haiti, but lived in the Dominican Republic for nine years, where she attended university. She has been living in Waltham since December 2019. In Santo Domingo, Gricelda worked in customer service, and she hopes to continue her passion for serving others at WATCH. Gricelda learned about WATCH through getting assistance from the organization, and is looking forward to serving on a Board with people coming from different backgrounds and cultures. Knowing English, Spanish, Creole, and French, Gricelda has the skills to connect with a wide range of Waltham residents and loves hearing other people's ideas.



Missy Goldberg works part-time for a systems engineer consultant, and spent almost 25 years working as a Program Administrator at Brandeis University. Missy has volunteered at WATCH processing applications for COVID-related assistance, purchasing winter coats and fulfilling requests under the Back to Work Grant. As a Board member, Missy is inspired by her colleagues' and WATCH's ability to create genuine bonds with the Waltham community, all in the midst of very troubling times. Outside of WATCH, Missy is a Board member for the Waltham Farmers' Market and a volunteer for a radio station in Martha's Vineyard.



Tareq Hasan is the owner of Lake View Convenience Store in Waltham, and also owns some rental properties in the Waltham Area. He has been living in Waltham since 1997, and originally learned about WATCH from Genoveva Tavera and her work with the Tenant Action Group. Tareq also heard about the organization from some of his tenants who applied for WATCH's rental assistance program, and he believes being on the WATCH Board is a great opportunity to serve the Waltham community at large. Outside of WATCH, Tareq is also a member of the Waltham Islamic Society, where he serves on the board of trustees.



Niki Lamberg is a communications and marketing consultant specializing in nonprofits. As a neighbor just over the West Newton/Waltham line, she has long appreciated WATCH and its contributions to the community. She started volunteering with the Housing Clinic in early 2025 and is glad to help Waltham residents find resources and achieve stability. Niki has served on other Boards and Board committees in Watertown, Boston, and Somerville and she looks forward to helping WATCH grow even stronger in how it serves its clients and the community.



Vastar Kyalimpa is originally from Uganda and has been a student in WATCH's ESOL Program since 2024. A talented seamstress and fashion designer, she is also an accomplished athlete who participates in several adaptive sports, including powerlifting. Known for her positive attitude and determination, Vastar brings warmth and enthusiasm to everything she does. She values the welcoming community at WATCH and appreciates that everyone is friendly and always willing to answer questions and provide guidance.



Donika Pleqi came to the United States from Albania in 2016 and has been a part of the WATCH community since 2018. An Advanced ESOL student and English tutor with WATCH, Donika also works as a medical interpreter and volunteers at the Community Day Center. She is passionate about helping others and currently tutors two ESOL learners from her home country. Dedicated to supporting immigrant communities, Donika is driven by a desire to help others further their education, just as others helped her when she first arrived in the United States.



Khoa Bui is originally from Vietnam and came to the United States three years ago as an international student. He is currently pursuing a degree in Finance at Framingham State University with minors in Economics and Accounting. After moving to Waltham to live with his aunt, Khoa was introduced to WATCH and Executive Director Daria through a summer internship opportunity. Now in his second internship with WATCH, he supports the First Time Home Buyer Program, data management, accounting, and other finance-related initiatives that help advance the organization's mission of serving communities in need. Khoa deeply values WATCH's mission and its impact on the community and is excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board and continue supporting the organization's work.

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