NEW BEDFORD EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION – *F.Y.I.*

# NEW BEDFORD EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023**

### New Bedford High School

**3:30 P.M.**

**OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT/TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 ..………………………......................................... Doria Bryant

Thomas Nickerson

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT/TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 ……………………………………… Sarah J. Bol

Christopher Garcia

**VICE-PRESIDENT FOR UNIT A/TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 ………………………………** **Lynn Drayton**

**Mahria Trepes**

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR UNIT B/TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 …………………………….… Jeffrey Longo

SECRETARY/TREASURER / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 ……………….….……………… Justin Mare

DIRECTORS

NEW BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 (2 Years) ……….............…...… Seaver Boyce

**Madelene Freitas-Pimentel**

**NORMANDIN MIDDLE SCHOOL/ TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026 (3 Years)………………………… Christopher Donnelly**

**ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL/TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 (2 Years) ................................... vacant**

**REGION I / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 (2 Years) ...........................................................…….… Jennifer Lynch Peters**

REGION II / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026 (3 Years/ 2 positions).……………………...…............ Jodi Aurelio

Stephanie Biela PhD

REGION II / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 (2 Years/ 1 position) ……………………………………Penelope Jennewein

Victoria Jones

REGION III / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026 (2 Years) ………………………………...............…...... Lori Silveira

REGION III / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 ( 3 years) …………………………………………………. Irma B. Valerius

SPECIAL SERVICES / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 (2 Years) …………..………......................… Sara Mello

SPECIAL SERVICES / TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026 (3 Years) …………..………….….................. Ryan Saucier

ADMINISTRATORS/TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2025 (2 Years/ 2 positions) ……………..…………....Michelle Campos

Jared Varao

The New Bedford Educators Association, Inc. Annual Election will be held at the New Bedford High School, Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Voting will take place during the meeting, which is scheduled to begin 3:30 P.M.

RULES GOVERNING VOTING:

1. All members in good standing shall receive their appropriate ballot at the time of registration at the Annual Meeting.

2. No ballot shall be accepted at the site of the Annual Meeting prior to the official time of the collection of ballots.

3. The collection procedures shall be for each voting member to hand his/her ballot directly to the Election Committee members in charge of ballot collection at the conclusion of the Candidates’ speeches.

1. Each candidate will be afforded two minutes to address the assembly.
2. No nomination will be accepted from the floor.
3. The distribution of campaign literature inside the building site of the Annual Meeting is forbidden.

ABSENTEE VOTING PROCEDURES FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION ARE:

Those members unable to attend the Annual Meeting may cast their ballots during the three (3) business days prior to the meeting by 5:00 P.M., at the NBEA, Inc. Office (160 William Street, New Bedford) and in the presence of an Election Committee official. All ballots must be placed in a sealed white envelope.

Absentee voting members shall not be entitled to a second ballot should they attend the Annual Meeting. Ballots will be tallied immediately upon collection at the Annual Meeting by the Election Committee. Recounts must be requested in writing by the affected candidate(s) to the Election Committee Chairperson within two (2) calendar days of the Annual Meeting.

Doria Bryant

Doria Bryant, Sarah Bol and Mahria Trepes are running together on a platform of transparency, action and solidarity. We believe our union should be an open door to its members- the more people involved, the more strength we have. The more knowledge that is shared, the more power we have to act collectively. We believe in action. Across the state, other locals are winning strong contracts with tangible salary increases, strong parental leave and commitments to increase retention. It is up to us to take collective action for what should be ours. Finally, we believe in solidarity. The working conditions of teachers are the learning conditions of students. Too often, accountability and blame is put on frontline educators. We must stand together with students, parents and community members to fight for a strong public education system for all. New Bedford can be a place where educators want to work and children want to go to school. NBEA is our union and it is time that our voices be heard.

Doria Bryant is an English teacher at Keith Middle School who serves on the board of the NBEA and as a Faculty Representative to Keith Middle School.

Thomas Nickerson

My name is Thomas Nickerson and I have had the honor being your president for the last two years. As a member of the NBEA for over 25 years, I have been active in the Association's work. I have served on the executive board for the past decade, as First Vice-President, and as President. Over the years, I have served on numerous negotiations teams, advocating for the rights of our members, and volunteering my time to charitable events including the NBEA Scholarship Fundraiser and the NBEA Clothing drive.

My tenure as President has brought to me clear insights on the critical needs of our members in all of New Bedford’s schools from Pre-School to Secondary schools. Advocating for all of our members, taking action to support them, and keeping an open line of communication with all members are my priorities.

I believe that a union is stronger united than it is divided, and I will continue to work to keep our union strong. I have a clear vision of what needs to be done and the ability and will to do it. Please vote for me as your President.

Sarah Bol

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Sarah Bol is a Special Education Teacher at Roosevelt Middle School, mother and community organizer. She is an active member of the MTA, including a leader of the Special Education Task

Christopher Garcia

Dear members, I’m Chris Garcia, and I am the current First Vice President of the NBEA. I have worked in NBPS for 21 years and am a former NBEA President, and also current Building representative and Grievance Chairperson. Now I am humbly asking once again for your vote so that I may continue my work in representing and fighting for our members.

My long experience in the NBEA has taught me that we need to plan and build for future challenges by developing our greatest asset, **our members**. I have a vision and a drive to build union power by growing member capacity, increasing member participation and outreach, and building our collective power in the community. Only by doing this will be in position to realize the gains and sustain the rights that educators need and deserve.

I promise to continue to work hard to be the voice of educators, and to continue to fight for the resources and fair treatment that educators need in order to provide quality education for our students, and a fair wage and work conditions for our members.

Please vote for Christopher Garcia for NBEA First Vice President.

Lynn Drayton

My name is Lynn Drayton. I have been in the district as a teacher, TLS, & NBEA Member for over 20 yrs. I’ve had the opportunity to support members as a Building Representative for over 10 years as well as a Board member for the past 2 years. These experiences and the knowledge that I have gained makes me the best candidate for this office! I will strive to build capacity in members and improve the educational experience in NBPS! I look forward to continuing to represent our members, I am asking for your support and vote on May 24th!

Mahria Trepes

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