## BROWARD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD



SHELDON MCCARTNEY, Chair (Southwest Ranches) Sheldon McCartney is Chairman of Board of the Project Stable Foundation and serves on the advisory board of the Old Davie School Historical Museum Board. His past achievements include President of the award winning McCartney Construction Company, responsible for noted restoration projects throughout Miami/Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Projects include Miami City Hall, Edison Middle School, Old Miami Beach City Hall, Colony Theatre in Miami/Dade County, Peele Dixie water plant, New River Court, Old Dillard School, Old Davie School and Viele House in Broward County, and the Flagler Museum and North Fire Station in Palm Beach. Well versed in construction and now retired from his firm, he stays active in the construction industry as a board member of the Constructions Specifications Institute and is a consultant to non-profit organizations. Appointed by Broward County Vice Mayor Beam Furr, Sheldon McCartney serves as Chair of the Board and fills the

professional category of General or Building Contractor.



#### DEREK T. DAVIS, Vice Chair (Miramar)

Derek Davis is the former Curator of the Old Dillard Museum in Fort Lauderdale, developing cultural and educational programs at a historic schoolhouse listed on the National Register of Historic sites, built as the first public school building for blacks in Broward County. His work includes organizing exhibitions, administering musicalconcerts, managing collaborations with cultural organizations, facilitating policies and procedures for non-profit fundraising organizations, conducting tours, overseeing website development and managing the museum staff. As a high school student during the period of racial protests in the late 1960s, he wrote a play, "Black Search for the Future" that was lauded, videotaped by Channel 10 and viewed all over South Florida. He's worked for The Miami Herald, the Black Archives History and Research Center, the African American Research Library, and Broward County Schools. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from Florida Atlantic University. Appointed by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness, Derek Davis serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Conservation or Curation.

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JEFFREY SCHWARTZ, Member (Parkland) Jeff Schwartz is the President of the ParklandHistorical Society. In this capacity, he was directly involved with creating and burying the Parkland time capsule, scheduled to be opened on the city's 100 year anniversary. He initiated the city's historical marker program, identifying and marking sites as well as educating public visitors, and was critical in gettingthe city's first book on the History of Parkland, Florida, written and published. A world traveler, he has been to almost 100 countries, for both work and personal enjoyment. He received his Bachelors of Geology from City University New York, York College, and followed up with a Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory Fellowship in Geophysics at Columbia University. Appointed by Commissioner Michael Udine, Jeff Schwartz serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Historic Preservation.



#### DANIEL J. STALLONE, Member (Davie)

Daniel Stallone is the Town of Davie's Police Code Compliance Official, where he oversees the Code Compliance Division and enforces the Town's Code of Ordinances, municipal codes and regulations in land use. Daniel holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Dayton, Ohio; a Master's degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Currently, he is completing his Dissertation for a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. In addition he is completing an online Bachelor's degree in Anthropology with the University of Florida. Appointed by Commissioner Steve Geller, Mr. Stallone serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Historic Preservation Planning and Land Use.

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CYNTHIA STRACHAN SAUNDERS, Member (West Park)
Cynthia Strachan Saunders is a vocalist, songwriter, actress, community historian, curator of local community history and author. As a vocalist known as "Jus' Cynthia", her debut CD is a collection of smooth jazz and contemporary songs. Her debut book, a pictorial and written oral history of the first decade of Carver Ranches, stemmed from her grandparents, who were original pioneers of the area. She currently owns, occupies, and maintains the first Broward County-designated historical site and operates a community history museum on the site. Cynthiahas added "Author" to her list of sobriquets with *Promises from the Palmetto Bush, the Genesis of Carver Ranches.* Appointed by Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief, Cynthia Saunders serves as a Member of the Historic Preservation Board and fills the professional category of History or Folklore.



#### DAMIAN BRINK, Member (Lighthouse Point)

Damian Brink is a Senior Project Manager at Bowman Consulting Group. He has over 13 years of experience in land use and urban planning, project management, land entitlements, and urban design working in both the public and private sectors. He has worked as an Urban/Land Planner and Project Manager obtaining land entitlement approvals for residential, commercial, and mixed-use development projects throughout South Florida and Mid-Atlantic regions. Damian recently assisted the City of Mount Dora, Florida with their Historic Site Survey and updating their Master Site Files. Damian holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public and Urban Affairs with a concentration in Urban Affairs and Planning from Virginia Tech. He is a member of the American Planning Association; Former Board Member for the Building Board of Adjustment & Appeals (City of Boynton Beach, FL); Former Member of the Downtown Action Committee (DAC) (City of West Palm Beach, Florida); Former Board Member for the Florida's First Coast of Golf (Jacksonville, Florida); and Former Board Chairman for The Academy for International Studies Charter School (North Palm Beach, Florida). Appointed by Commissioner Lamar Fisher in 2020, Damian serves as a Member of the Board and fills a Planner position.

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ANTHONY ABBATE, Member (Fort Lauderdale)

Anthony Abbate is Associate Provost for Florida Atlantic University Broward Campuses, and Professor at the School of Architecture. He is also an NCARB certified architect registered in Florida and New York, with a Master of Architecture from Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Catholic University of America.

Abbate received the William G. McMinn Award for Outstanding Architectural Education from the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects in 2014, the Arango Design Award in 2000, Washington University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995, and 22 awards from the American Institute of Architects for design excellence as well as the President's Award for Distinguished Service.

He is a past chair of the Broward County Cultural Council and former chair of the County's Public Art and Design Committee. He served on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Board of Adjustment, chaired the City's first Sustainability/Green Committee, chaired the Sustainability Advisory Board, and chaired the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB). He is past president of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale and is the President of the Rotary Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation.

With a long record of community service and leadership, he currently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF). He is a member of Leadership Florida; and is also a regular contributor to the Sentinel's South Florida 100 opinion page. Appointed in 2019 by then Commissioner Tim Ryan, Anthony Abbate serves as a member on the Board and fills the Licensed Architect category.

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JONATHAN AXLER, Member (Davie/Fort Lauderdale)
Jonathan Axler is a South Florida native who is
Programs and Education Coordinator at the Stranahan
House Museum, Broward's oldest known house, where
he's developed new and expanded existing programs.
He formerly worked at Plantation Historical Museum in
exhibit development, tours and in trainings. Jonathan
also worked as Gallery Curator at Flamingo Gardens a
wildlife, botanical, horticultural sanctuary, one of
Broward's oldest attractions. He has had an extensive
past of working in support of natural history and
historical museums and sites. Appointed by
Commissioner Nan Rich, Jonathan Axler serves as a
Member of the Board and fills the professional category
of Historic Preservation.