



Proposed Slate of Directors

February 2026 – February 2029

Downtown CID Board of Directors

- ***The proposed slate of candidates has been selected to represent the diverse stakeholders of the Downtown CID, complementing the experience, skills, and interests of the balance of the Board.***
- Five 3 Year Terms: February 2026 – February 2029
- Rolling off: Deb Rust, Raymond Hall, Erica Pefferman, John Gilbreth, Lara Pieper
- Board Election Conducted: November 19, 2025
- Elected Slate:
 - Lara Pieper
 - John Gilbreth
 - Nick McKague
 - Colleen Rieman
 - Michael Graves

Name: **Lara Pieper**

Business Owner: Bloom Bookkeeping

Contact Information: Lara@bloombookkeeping.net

Qualifications: Lara Pieper is entering her final term on The District's Board after years of dedicated service beginning in 2021. She first filled a two-year seat, then completed her first full three-year term. Since 2022, Lara has served as Board Treasurer and currently chairs the Marketing Committee. She brings deep experience in financial leadership, board governance, and conflict resolution, and continues to be an invaluable asset to The District.

Name: **John Gilbreth**

Legal Representative: Pizza Tree & Main Squeeze

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Qualifications: John Gilbreth is a young, energetic restaurant owner whose fresh ideas and hands-on experience have already proven invaluable to the board. As the owner of businesses that operate late into the evening, John brings critical insight into the nighttime economy and the day-to-day realities faced by downtown establishments. His deep familiarity with the history and culture of The District further strengthens his perspective and contributions.

Name: **Nick McKague**

Business Owner: Acole Coffee

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Qualifications: Nick McKague brings a passion for building community and a strong background in managing large-scale business operations. As the owner of Acole Coffee, he understands both the entrepreneurial and operational demands of running a successful downtown business. Nick is eager to contribute his voice, energy, and experience to help strengthen and support The District.

Name: **Colleen Rieman**

Business Owner: Hexagon Alley

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Qualifications: Colleen Rieman offers extensive experience across retail, restaurant, and bar ownership, paired with a strong understanding of City processes and community involvement. Her broad background gives her a well-rounded perspective on what downtown businesses need to succeed. Colleen's insight into the challenges and opportunities within The District will be a valuable asset to the board.

Name: **Michael Graves**

Legal Representative: University of Missouri

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Qualifications: Michael Graves joins the board as a representative of the University of Missouri, bringing a thoughtful, collaborative mindset. He is committed to strengthening the relationship between the University and The District, with a focus on better aligning resources, communication, and support. His perspective as a campus leader will help bridge connections that benefit students, businesses, and the broader downtown community.