

New Member Biographies of the Board/Board Development Committee

Executive Board



Nikki Sumpter *
GSNNJ 2nd Vice Chair

Nikki Sumpter is a senior executive recognized for leading enterprise transformation, strengthening organizational performance, and advancing people-centered strategies that accelerate business results. As Executive Vice President, Chief People and Administrative Officer at Atlantic Health, she oversees Human Resources, Marketing & Communications, Consumer Experience, Philanthropy, Sustainability, and the system's Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) strategy. These functions are central to organizational reputation, workforce performance, and long-term enterprise value.

Ms. Sumpter has delivered transformative operational, cultural, and financial outcomes across the organization. She transformed the philanthropy function, driving substantial growth through a more sophisticated donor strategy and deeper community engagement. She has been a driving force behind Atlantic Health's system-wide consumer and patient experience strategy, advancing initiatives that strengthen loyalty, improve care interactions, and enhance the overall experience across the continuum. Her leadership has helped transform patient experience outcomes and elevate service standards to deliver a more seamless, consumer-driven model of care.

Ms. Sumpter has also led major organizational transformations to include modernizing core workforce and benefits programs, strengthening digital engagement, and advancing brand clarity to support a more integrated, responsive, and experience-focused health system. Her work has contributed to Atlantic Health's national recognition, including 17 consecutive years on the Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For® list, along with multiple distinctions for workplace excellence, inclusion, and environmental stewardship.



A seasoned governance leader, Ms. Sumpter has overseen major executive transitions, including Board-level CEO succession planning. She led the national search, recruitment, and onboarding of the new CEO and executed multiple executive transitions to align leadership capabilities with the organization's strategic direction. Prior to joining Atlantic Health, she served as Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Learning at JPS Health Network, where she led human resources, enterprise learning, occupational health and wellness, and diversity and inclusion.

She serves as Secretary and Governance Chair of the Board of Trustees for Saint Elizabeth University and Governance Co-Chair for the Mayo Performing Arts Center (MPAC). She previously served on the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey Board and serves on the New Jersey Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board. Her leadership has been recognized through numerous honors, including ROI Influencers: Women in Business 2025, NJBIZ Best 50 Women in Business, and multiple community leadership awards.

Ms. Sumpter holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development from Villanova University. In 2020, she was named a Women of Achievement honoree by Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

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Members-at-Large



Andrew Agro *

GSNNJ Member-at-Large

Andrew Agro serves as the Senior Director of Corporate Sponsorships & Business Development for the New York Jets, where he has spent more than fifteen years driving strategic partnerships for the Organization. His career with the Jets began shortly after completing graduate school, first as an Intern in the Football Operations Department before transitioning into the Corporate Partnership Activation group. Over the years, Mr. Agro has played a key role in shaping the team's sponsorship strategy and cultivating long-term relationships with major brands.

Originally from outside of Toronto (Burlington, Ontario, Canada), Mr. Agro attended Wilfrid Laurier University, where he studied Kinesiology & Human Sciences, while Captaining his Varsity Football Team to the National Championship. Following a stop in semi-professional football in Italy, he later earned both a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Sports Administration from Ohio University, which brought him to the United States.

In addition to his professional work, he has contributed to the next generation of industry professionals as a member of the faculty at Columbia University's School of Professional Studies, teaching within its Masters of Sports Management Programs. His commitment to community impact extends beyond the classroom, as he has been actively involved with YearUp, an organization dedicated to expanding career access for young adults, as well as the All-Stars Project, which creates developmental opportunities for youth in underserved communities.

Mr. Agro lives in Chatham, New Jersey, with his wife and their two daughters.

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Dr. Mikele Simkins *
GSNNJ Member-at-Large

Dr. Mikele Simkins received a B.S. in Laboratory Animal Science from NC A & T State University in Greensboro, NC, and a DVM from NC State College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh, NC. She then did a residency in Laboratory Animal Medicine at Wake Forest University's Bowman Grey School of Medicine. There she specialized in medicine and care of various species of NHP from African Green Monkeys to Stumptail macaques.

Dr. Simkins is Board Certified by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) and has over 25 years of experience in Laboratory Animal Medicine in academia, biotech, and large pharma. She is an active member of both ACLAM and APV. She is currently the Senior Director of Comparative Medicine and Attending Veterinarian at Pfizer Inc. in Pearl River NY. She enjoys using innovative and unconventional treatments to provide alternative treatment plans for solving both clinical and behavioral questions.

She is also lifetime member of Girl Scouts of the USA and has led multiple troops from Girl Scout Brownie through to Ambassador level. She spends her free time maintaining her sourdough starter, baking bread, backpacking, and reading. In 2025, she was named a Women of Achievement honoree by Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

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Liza McIntyre *

GSNNJ Member-at-Large

Liza McIntyre is a senior strategy executive with more than 20 years of experience guiding complex organizations through research-informed strategy, large-scale transformation, and sustained change. She is currently the Senior Vice President of Strategy at the ASPCA, where she leads enterprise-wide strategy, planning, research, impact measurement, data science, and portfolio and project management to strengthen decision-making and accelerate mission impact.

Throughout her career, Ms. McIntyre has been recognized for her ability to connect insight to action—translating data, research, and emerging trends into clear strategic direction and accountable execution. Prior to joining the ASPCA, she spent more than 15 years at Girl Scouts of the USA, serving in progressively senior roles, including Chief of Staff to the National CEO, Senior Director of Strategy, and Chief Organizational Strategy Advisor. In these roles, she led multiple national and movement-wide strategic plans, built new strategy and governance frameworks, advanced equity and racial justice initiatives, and partnered closely with boards, CEOs, and senior leaders across a federated system.

Ms. McIntyre has been a long-time resident of Northern New Jersey and currently lives in Morristown with her husband, two golden doodles, and serves as home base for their two grown-and-flown and two college-age children.

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Board Development Committee



Nancy Konnerth *

GSNNJ Board Development Committee

Nancy Konnerth most recently held the position of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Advertising, and Promotion at Karuna/BMS before retiring in June 2024. Her 40+ year career included working for pharmaceutical companies such as Berlex, Bayer, Forest Laboratories, Allergan, and ADC Therapeutics.

Ms. Konnerth began her career as a bench chemist at Albert Einstein at the beginning of the AIDS crisis. She subsequently joined a small J&J company, where she helped bring the first over-the-counter pregnancy test to market. Ms. Konnerth is proud to have launched many firsts during her career including the first MRI contrast agent, first drug for MS, first oral contraceptive with a PMDD indication, and she is especially proud of her work developing mental health drugs.

Throughout her career, Ms. Konnerth developed an acumen for leading an organization through thoughtful risk mitigation and value protection. She has been recognized for building many solid, enduring partnerships within an organization, but what has fulfilled her the most is being able to lead and mentor her teams, and in 2012, she was named a Rising Star by the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association (HBA).

Now in her retirement, Ms. Konnerth is focusing her energy on volunteering. She and her husband work with Church World Service to help resettle refugees through the organization North Jersey Interfaith Cares, which helps with home relocation, employment, transportation, health and social services, and cultural acclimation.

In addition, the couple participates in their church's Hearts and Hands Mission to collect and provide clothing and other necessities for the homeless and working poor of northeastern New Jersey and to raise awareness of their plight in this area and beyond.



Growing up, Ms. Konnerth began her Girl Scout journey as a Girl Scout Brownie and moved through the levels until achieving an Explorer post. She earned an associate's degree in animal science, and a B.S. in Biology from St. John's University. In 2025, she was named a Women of Achievement honoree by Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

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Kelly Sager *

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Kelly Sager is a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts and most recently served as a volunteer Troop Leader for GSNNJ Troop 98495. As a girl, she participated in Girl Scouts as a Girl Scout Brownie and Junior in Troop 1171 of the Maumee Valley Council, now part of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. As a woman in STEM, Ms. Sager is especially passionate about creating opportunities for girls to build confidence and leadership through STEM exploration, career readiness, and innovative programs such as the Girl Scout DreamLab. Her experiences as both a Girl Scout and a Troop Leader have reinforced her commitment to helping more girls access programs that prepare them to thrive and lead.

Ms. Sager is a seasoned business and strategy executive with more than 20 years of experience driving innovation, growth, and transformation across healthcare organizations including GE, Beckton Dickinson, Hospira (an Abbott spin-off), and Danaher. She currently serves as Vice President and Franchise Head, Infectious Disease and Acute Care for Danaher's Diagnostics segment. In this role, she is responsible for a \$4B portfolio spanning three operating companies, where she drives innovation strategy, thought leadership and market shaping, business development, and clinical development to accelerate growth and establish disease category leadership. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Michigan and an MBA in Marketing Management from Northwestern University.

Ms. Sager enjoys hiking and the outdoors, and she is passionate about protecting the environment. She is a mother of two, including one Girl Scout Junior.

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Girl Scout Representatives to the Board of Directors



Avery Kruse *

Avery Kruse is a high school student at Saddle River Day School with a strong interest in fashion business, marketing, and creative design. She has participated in programs with NYU, Parsons School of Design, and Vogue, and has assisted with backstage production at New York Fashion Week. Avery is actively involved in leadership and nonprofit work and is proud to support the mission of Girl Scouts.



Sophia Oliver *

Sophia Oliver is a junior at Ridgewood High School and a Girl Scout Ambassador in Northern New Jersey. She is currently working on her Gold Award project, which focuses on raising awareness and promoting early education about scoliosis among middle school students. At school, Sophia is actively involved in DECA (2nd place at the state level), HOSA Future Health Professionals, and the selective Ridgewood Academy for Health Professions (RAHP). She is also a competitive varsity golfer. She is passionate about leadership, healthcare advocacy, and empowering young girls through education. As a Girl Representative to the Board, Sophia is excited to bring a youth perspective to decision-making and contribute to meaningful initiatives that support and inspire girls across the council.



Juliana Pullen *

Juliana Pullen attends Passaic County Technical Institute STEM Academy high school and is currently pursuing a career in engineering. She plays tennis at her high school and serves as an executive board member of the End Racism and Sexism Everywhere club. She is the Mechanical Lead on Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey's Steel Magnolias all-Girl Scouts robotics team. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and scuba diving whenever she can.

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