



Pinelands Commissioners

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The Pinelands Commission is composed of 15 Commissioners: seven appointed by the Governor of New Jersey; one appointed by each of the seven Pinelands counties; and one appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. The gubernatorial appointees are subject to the review and consent of the NJ Senate. Members of the Commission serve staggered, three-year terms and are uncompensated for their service. Commissioners devote significant personal time to their Pinelands duties. The full Commission meets monthly. Additionally, like many legislative bodies, the Commission is divided into various committees, which also meet monthly. Members typically serve on two committees each. There are also regular public meetings ranging from public hearings on specific development projects and regulatory issues to forums and panel discussions on topical issues. Each of these responsibilities may require many hours of review and preparation, meetings with other agencies and stakeholders and consultation with Pinelands staff. To follow are brief biographical sketches of all of the Commissioners.

Sean W. Earlen, Chairman – Mr. Earlen has served as Burlington County's representative on the Commission since August 2011. A resident of Lumberton, Mr. Earlen has served on Lumberton's Township Committee since 2011 and is currently the township's Mayor. He has also served on Lumberton's Joint Land Use Board since 2010. Mr. Earlen has also served on the Board of Directors at the New Jersey Building Authority since 2012. Mr. Earlen is the Vice President of Real Estate, Environmental & Public Affairs for Constructural Dynamics, Inc. of Fairless Hills, PA. He is involved in overseeing the company's environmental stewardship and compliance, government and public relations and all land-use functions at the company's manufacturing and industrial locations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pa.

Paul E. Galletta, Vice Chairman – A lifelong resident of Hammonton, Mr. Galletta began serving as Atlantic County's representative on the Pinelands Commission in April 2007. Mr. Galletta is the owner and director of the Atlantic Blueberry Company, the largest cultivated blueberry farm in the United States. He is a member of the Atlantic County Board of Agriculture, the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission, the New Jersey Beekeepers Advisory Board, the New Jersey Farm Bureau, the North American Blueberry Council, the U.S. High Bush Blueberry Council and the New Jersey Blueberry Advisory Council. Additionally, he was a member of Governor Chris Christie's transition team for Agriculture. Mr. Galletta is the past chairman of the Hammonton Parks and Recreation Commission, and he is a member of the Hammonton Lake Water Quality Committee and the Hammonton Environmental Commission. He helped organize and is a

current member of H.O.P.E. (Hammonton Organized for a Positive Environment), and he is vice president of the Hammonton Italian Sons and Daughters' board of trustees. Mr. Galletta was active in many youth sports programs in Hammonton.

Alan W. Avery, Jr. – Mr. Avery served as the Ocean County representative on the Commission from 1983 to 2005 and was reappointed as the county representative in December of 2013. He served as the Commission's Vice chairman from 1995 to 2005. Avery retired as the Ocean County Administrator, after many years of service as the county's Planning Director and Director of Solid Waste Management. Mr. Avery holds an undergraduate degree from Colgate University, as well as a master's degree of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.

Candace McKee Ashmun – Ms. Ashmun has served as a member of the Pinelands Commission since its creation in 1979. She has also served on the State Planning Commission and as Executive Director and three-term President of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions. Ms. Ashmun is a trustee of the Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment and Vice President of the Board of the Fund for New Jersey. At the local level, she has served on the Bedminster Board of Education, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Commission, and served as Vice Chair of the Far Hills Planning Board. A private consultant to nonprofit organizations, Ms. Ashmun has received numerous awards, including the American Planning Association Distinguished Leadership Award.

Bob Barr – Mr. Barr joined the Commission as a gubernatorial appointee in March 2015. A resident of Ocean City, Cape May County, Mr. Barr is a Community Activist for the disabled. In that capacity, he reviews legislation at the Federal and State level and makes recommendations for legislators through the Regional Family Support Council. He also works one-on-one with other disabled individuals, helping them to access information and support concerning disabilities, their rights and available assistance. Mr. Barr has served on the Ocean City Council since 2016. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for both the Ocean City Housing Authority and the Ocean City Exchange Club. Mr. Barr holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Communications from Richard Stockton College.

Giuseppe (Joe) Chila – Mr. Chila joined the Commission as Gloucester County's representative in January 2016. He is currently serving his fourth term on the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders and his fifth year as Deputy Director. Mr. Chila resides in Woolwich Township, where he served as Mayor from 2003-2010. During that time, he instituted smart growth principles in development and focused on preserving farmland and open space. Mr. Chila graduated from Paulsboro High School and the Gloucester County Institute of Technology. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Lu. AFL-CIO, and he serves on the Gloucester County Board of School Estimates, the Advisory Board for the Gloucester County Veteran's Cemetery and the Board of the United Way of Gloucester County. Mr. Chila served as President of the Southern New Jersey Freeholders' Association in 2015, and he was named Freeholder of the Year by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

Jane Jannarone – Ms. Jannarone joined the Commission as Cumberland County's representative in June 2014. She is a Real Estate Broker with more than 25 years of experience. Ms. Jannarone owns and manages her Real Estate Company in Vineland. She serves on the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce, Cumberland County Board of Realtors, the Welcome Home Committee for Veterans, and is a former member of the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Ms. Jannarone grew up on the Maurice River in Millville. The 256-acre property is home to wild rice marshes, white cedar swamps, pine trees and habitat for bald eagles, and it was preserved in honor of her father, as the Harold N. Peek Preserve.

Edward Lloyd – Mr. Lloyd joined the Commission as a gubernatorial appointee in 2002. Possessing a strong background in New Jersey environmental law, Mr. Lloyd is Clinical Professor of Environmental Law at Columbia Law School. He previously served for 15 years as Director of the Rutgers University Environmental Law Clinic. Mr. Lloyd is General Counsel and past Executive Director of the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group. He has served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Environmental Litigation, and has testified before Congressional and legislative committees on issues including energy conservation, solar power, clean water standards and regulations, freedom of information, water supply planning and conservation, and solid waste. A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Lloyd holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin.

Mark S. Lohbauer, – A resident of Pennsauken, Mr. Lohbauer joined the Pinelands Commission in July 2011. Since 2004, Lohbauer has been a principal of JGSC Group, a retail market-making firm that focuses on revitalizing downtown commercial corridors. Prior to joining JGSC, he served as the Director of Policy & Communications for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, following several years as the Assistant State Treasurer and practicing law in Philadelphia. A former member of the Pennsauken Township Committee and Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Lohbauer has long been active in environmental issues, primarily in the promotion of alternatives to waste incineration. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University.

Jordan P. Howell – Dr. Howell has served as Camden County's representative on the Commission since January 2018. A resident of Haddon Township, Dr. Howell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Planning & Sustainability at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ. He is also the Program Coordinator for Environmental & Sustainability Studies degree programs. In that capacity, he has developed and published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and policy white papers examining topics in infrastructure and environmental policy and governance. Some of this research has been funded by federal agencies like the National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, and US Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, he has created and led dozens of undergraduate courses on environmental issues as well as courses on research design. Dr. Howell holds a PhD and Master of Science in Geography from Michigan State University and Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the College of William & Mary.

William Pikolycky – A resident of Woodbine Borough, Mr. Pikolycky has represented Cape May County on the Commission since January 2018. Mr. Pikolycky has served as Woodbine’s Mayor since 1990, and he has Chaired the Pinelands Municipal Council. Mr. Pikolycky serves on the Board of Trustees for Sustainable Jersey, the Board of Trustees of the Woodbine Developmental Center, and on the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Additionally, he serves as the Director of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, and he is a member on the Advisory Board of Anne Azeez Hall at Stockton University in Woodbine. Mr. Pikolycky was employed by the State of New Jersey for 27 years before retiring in 2002 from the position of Executive Assistant in the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. He is a graduate of the Camden County Police Academy and Rutgers University (Camden) Certified Public Manager Program.

Richard H. Prickett – Mr. Prickett joined the Pinelands Commission as a gubernatorial appointee in January 2012. Mr. Prickett was a member of the Pemberton Township Council from 2002 to 2012. He served as Council President in 2002 and 2006 and was a member of the township's Planning Board from 2003-2005. Mr. Prickett retired in 2006 after teaching high school science in the Lakewood School District in Ocean County for 27 years. There, he taught advanced placement biology, environmental science, physical science and chemistry. Mr. Prickett was named the Lakewood Township Teacher of the Year in 2004, and he was recognized by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance as an outstanding Pinelands educator in 2005. Prickett has served as a Trustee on the Whitesbog Preservation Trust since 2003. Mr. Prickett holds a bachelor's degree in Life Sciences from Rutgers University and an associate's degree in Psychology from Burlington County College.

Gary Quinn – Mr. Quinn joined the Commission on July 2011. Mr. Quinn has served on the Lacey Township Committee since 2003. He is the President and Owner of Eastport Builders, a real estate development company that specializes in developing single-family residential developments, multi-family senior housing and commercial site plans throughout southern Ocean County. A longtime member of the Lacey Township Chamber of Commerce, Quinn serves on the Ocean County Workforce Development Committee and the Lacey Planning Board, as well as the township's Municipal Alliance and Economic Development Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Ramapo College.

D'Arcy Rohan Green – Ms. Rohan Green joined the Commission in July 2011. A resident of Bay Head, Rohan Green currently serves on the Bay Head Borough Council and is a former member of the Borough's Environmental Commission and Planning Board. A former dune consultant/inspector and former newspaper reporter/columnist, Rohan Green serves on the Board of Directors for Save Barnegat Bay and is an advisory member of Clean Ocean Action and the New Jersey Environmental Federation. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from New York University.

The Executive Director

Nancy Wittenberg – A resident of Toms River, Wittenberg began serving as the Commission's Executive Director in January 2011. She previously served as the Assistant Commissioner of Climate and Environmental Compliance for the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). There, she oversaw statewide programs covering air quality permitting and planning, climate change, energy, solid and hazardous waste planning and regulation, pollution prevention, radiation prevention, nuclear safety, and pollution and release prevention. She also served as the Director of Environmental Affairs for the New Jersey Builders Association and has extensive experience in previous high-level positions at the DEP. Wittenberg holds a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Vermont.