

The following people are being considered for Environment Hamilton Board of Directors membership for the 2022-2024 term. Board members Amy Angelo and Nina Tran are standing for re-election for another term.

All applicants were asked to review the Board of Directors Background Information Package and submit a Board of Directors Application Form available [on this page](#) by September 12, 2022. Applicants were asked to supply a short bio and photo to be published on the Environment Hamilton website.

The Board of Directors Nominations Committee is tasked with reviewing applications and recommending individuals for election to the full Environment Hamilton membership. Voting will take place at the 2022 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, August 29th, 2022.

The Board Nominations Committee chose to recommend candidates who we feel can bring (i) professional skills and (ii) knowledge, experience, and perspectives to the Board that we are currently lacking. Importantly, we sought to support a balanced board with representation and skills that will complement the continuing Board members.

Candidates Standing for Re-Election to the EH Board of Directors:

1. Amy Angelo
2. Nina Tran

The Board of Directors Nominations Committee is recommending that the following individuals be elected to join the board:

1. Suad Abukamla
2. Craig Burley
3. Juby Lee
4. Marta Stiteler

We encourage the Environment Hamilton membership to read the information about each candidate and vote for their chosen candidates at the AGM.

Thank you to all candidates for putting themselves forward. If you are not selected this round, please do not be discouraged from applying in future. Everyone who applied would make an excellent Board Member. We are lucky to have so many environmental justice activists in our community.

Candidates seeking re-election to the board:

ANGELO, AMY (Current Board Co-Chair)

	Amy has an honours degree in ecology and evolutionary biology from Queen's University. She completed a Sustainable Farming Internship at Everdale Environmental Learning Centre in 2013 and went on to work at Everdale and Black Creek Community Farm in Toronto. In 2015 she moved to Hamilton to work as the operations manager at Hamilton Victory Gardens. In the fall of 2016 she was hired as the Community Garden and Market Coordinator at Neighbour 2 Neighbour's Hamilton Community Food Centre where she is now the Manager of Food Access and Skills. Amy currently teaches a course that she developed for the University of Guelph called Issues in Urban Agriculture. She also enjoys long distance running all over the city, especially through the trails, and she loves biking to work!
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TRAN, NINA (Current Board Treasurer)

	Incoming engineering student at McMaster. A transportation enthusiast raised in Hamilton and can be found with her rusty, trusty bike complaining about getting 'doored' in the city. A strong believer of 'Yes, in my backyard' and equal access for all.
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Candidates seeking to join the board:

ABUKAMLA, SUAD



Suad Kamla is an experienced Inter-disciplinary researcher and contributing author on water and environmental policy. Her research focuses on environmental policy, the impact of climate change on water resources, and conservation policies and integrating nature-based solutions into policy. Suad was born in a downstream town, divided by a polluted river from the industrial waste on the upstream side that negatively impacted people's health, environment, underground water and the municipal drinking water source and land use. This polluted water is subject to pollution tax because it empties into other jurisdictions that burden the municipal capital. Currently, I reside in a city whose lake water is polluted by industrial waste, limiting the development opportunities and recreation activities around the City Lakeshore. In addition, the city's main river is subject to back-flow sewage flood pollution during significant rain events. Water context and availability shaped Suad's vision and her passion for water availability and policy. For instance, she experienced a different range of water availability throughout her life, from water-rich contexts to drought areas that lack water sources and mainly depend on private water delivery that costs 190% more than the local municipal water in nearby water-rich regions. Suad also experienced being in an area that relied on boiling tap water due to high pollution in the drinking water source. She depended on harvested and treated stormwater at the household level in a city water demand is higher than the supply. These experiences built her strong understanding of the water availability context and motivate her to share responsibilities toward climate change action at the personal level. She brings a substantial experience in participatory approach research methods and policy analysis through her extensive works on various projects with several United Nations Organizations. She regularly opened-dialogue with decision-makers and community stakeholders to create national development strategies and policies. This experience taught me valuable strategic communications and planning skills to support my research and evaluation work.

ALLEN, MARY



A student of women's social history (PhD ABD at U of Toronto), I have built a professional career as journalist, researcher/analyst, and discussion facilitator. I am co-founder of two media/analyst firms and have built web forums designed to explore the environmental impact of information and communications technology, as well as technology enablement of better sustainability performance in other sectors. Some of my research interests in this area include energy management solutions, the integration of renewable energy resources/Smart Grid, and opportunities offered by the development of Smart Cities. I have authored hundreds of articles, blogs, reports for clients, my own sites, and third-party publishers, such as Bloomberg BNA, where I served as sustainability columnist for two years. My most recent publication is a chapter on "Building to Net Zero" in Greener Data: Actionable Insights from Industry Leaders.

As IT journalist, I have covered key Smart City events, such as the ICF conference in London, England, where Mayor Eisenberger led Hamilton's bid for the title of top global Intelligent Community leader for 2020. At a local level, I am co-founder of The Great Canadian Data Centre Symposium, an annual conference which meets at the McMaster Innovation Park to address operational challenges, including environmental sustainability. More recently, I have expanded by involvement in social action. A regular participant in climate demonstrations, I joined Environment Hamilton and other activists who marched on Main to advocate for safer streets before the city council vote on two-way traffic on major city arteries. I served as the local organizer for the Beaches riding for Green PAC's 100 Debates campaign, a movement aimed at uncovering the stance of political candidates on environmental and eco justice issues in the 2021 federal election.

Since moving to Hamilton a year ago, I have looked to become involved with different community-based institutions. I am a member and have volunteered to work for Environment Hamilton, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, and the RBG. I live in the city's downtown core with my partner, and children who have chosen Hamilton to raise their young families. We have made a choice, and are committed to supporting Hamilton as the city works to create a cleaner, greener, and more just environment for all residents.

AMER, ADAN



Adan (she/her) is a recent Honours Bachelors of Arts & Science student with a minor in mathematics and an interdisciplinary minor in sustainability. When she's not panicking about school, she loves to spend her time planting trees or taking her mom to garden shows in the city. Despite being a long-time Hamiltonian, she continues to discover new reasons to appreciate the history, resilience, and ecological abundance of the city. She finds inspiration through community-engagement and hopes to foster environmental activism in her community of South Asian newcomers.

BURLEY, CRAIG



Craig Burley is a lawyer and activist in the City of Hamilton. He has been described by the Superior Court of Justice as "a known activist and critic of the City of Hamilton." His practice focuses on tax law and defending the rights of all taxpayers, including and especially poor and middle-class individuals. His current work focuses on intersectional approaches to deepening democracy, encouraging good governance, and alleviating material suffering. He is the reigning World Champion of Writing Letters.

CAPON, JASON

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Demonstrated history of traditional marketing methodologies specializing in branding, strategy and sales development. Very experienced in leading sales and marketing efforts for all sizes of businesses to achieve company targets and budgets. Accomplished in team dynamics and development using proven management techniques in a Director role. A firm believer in using education modelling to promote the company mission and drive all aspects of sales and marketing. Very well rounded with a big picture mindset with a focus on the details of execution. Technically versed in sales presentations, print

	<p>advertising, white papers, copywriting and graphic design using the Adobe Creative Suite and vast software tools. Very involved with all social media platforms on behalf of clients and their customer engagement campaigns.</p>
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DE SOUZA, LOUISA



Louisa is a scientist, mother, and avid hiker of Canada's nature trails. As a young girl, Louisa dreamed of becoming like Jane Goodall, an environmental activist and trailblazer who shattered all preconceived notions of animal behaviour and female scientists. Today, Louisa holds a senior position at the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) to connect partners in industry, government, and the not-for-profit sector with Canada's academic researchers. Louisa has a PhD in molecular biology with professional and personal experience in grant writing, volunteer engagement and recruitment, project management, and event planning. She is also a part-time MBA student and hopes to apply the skills that she has gained towards positive and meaningful community service.

LEE, JUBY



For 14 glorious years, Juby was a Senior Project Manager at Environment Hamilton from 2007 to 2022. She has worked on a number of initiatives including pollinators, biodiversity, local food, transit, urban trees and air quality. When not working, Juby can be found volunteering, slowly cycling around Hamilton and hanging out at dog parks with her puppy.

MATTHEWS, JOHANNA



I was born in the Netherlands and immigrated to Canada with my family, who settled on an Orchard in Vinemount, Ontario where I learned about sustainability and protection our environment. As a single parent for 30 years, renter and eventual condo owner, it was often necessary to advocate for justice for myself. Working in customer service and project management, I returned to school to get a business certificate and numerous credits at Western.

Since my retirement I have volunteered in a variety of charitable causes and am a member of the Christian Reformed Church. I have a love of writing and after selling my own home, wrote an as yet unpublished book on how to sell your own home.

I garden organically and enjoy my native pollinator garden. I moved from London to Hamilton in 2021, after my REIT landlord refused to deal with other tenants who smoked in a "non smoking building" affecting my lung health but who then took advantage of Doug Ford's "no rent control" in Ontario and increased the rent in my apartment by 30%. I was fortunate to move into a not for profit faith based community where I advocate for improving sustainability and our environment.

PEDERSON, KIRSTEN



I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors for Environment Hamilton to volunteer my time for a non-profit community organization. I enjoy learning about and advocating for environmental issues and goals. I am looking forward to working with others in the community. My background is in Environmental Biology, from University of Guelph and I have a teaching degree from University of Western at the Intermediate/Senior Levels, I have been an educator in Sciences for over 10 years. I would bring my knowledge and experience to Environment Hamilton to help promote events and to promote clean air, water, and soil in the region.

STITELER, MARTA



Marta is a financial planner, grandmother and brings a wealth of experience in fundraising, financial management, and community engagement. Marta volunteers with organizations such as the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM, and served on the board of the AIDS network, and the previously, the Women's Centre in Hamilton, and Drury Lane Theatre in Burlington. Her activism is rooted in the climate emergency.