

MarySue Barrett

Board Membership of Interest

Interest in serving an industry where I have expertise - infrastructure, housing, real estate - without creating direct conflicts with my role as president of an independent civic organization. Preference for board based in Chicago.

Board Member Characteristics

My seven years as a senior advisor to Mayor Richard M. Daley and my nearly 12 years as President of the nonprofit Metropolitan Planning Council have given me extensive experience with strategic planning, restructuring, budgeting, and complex management challenges. I am currently accountable to a 60-member Board of Governors (comprised of senior corporate leaders) and have served five years on the Audit Committee of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Finance Council. I am knowledgeable of governmental and legislative processes.

Company Profile

Metropolitan Planning Council: President of an independent, nonprofit group of business and civic leaders working to achieve policies that enhance the vitality and livability of the Chicago metropolitan region (30 employees).

Functional Expertise

While I have had exposure to all aspects of non-profit and governmental management, I am a generalist and strategist.

Current Professional Experience

President of the 73-year old Metropolitan Planning Council (1996 – Present)

Responsible for raising and managing \$3.8 million budget (approximately 40% corporate, 40% foundation, 10% individuals, and 10% government sources)

Oversaw successful \$8 million dollar endowment and special initiatives campaign, first in organizational history.

Prior Professional Experience

Chief of Policy, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago (and other positions in Mayor Daley's Cabinet 1989 – 1996)

While in a governmental context, I had responsibility for managing dozens of liaisons and multiple restructuring efforts to improve performance and fiscal efficiency.

Non-Profit Boards

Leadership Greater Chicago, Vice President, Board Metropolitan Planning Council Board of Governors (1996 – Present)

Illinois Issues magazine, advisory board (1996 – Present)

Chicago Metropolitan 2020, advisory board (2000 – Present)

Chicago Transit Authority, Citizens Advisory board (2004 – Present)

Harris School for Public Policy Visiting Committee, University of Chicago (2005 – Present)

Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee, Transportation Advisory Council (2007 – Present)

Professional Associations and Civic Affiliations

Economic Club of Chicago

The Chicago Network

Urban Land Institute

Education and Interests

Participated in leadership exchanges sponsored by the International Women's Forum (1996), the American Council on Germany (1996), the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations (1997), the British American Project (2003), and Rockefeller Foundation and Brookings Institution (2007) University of Illinois at Chicago-Certificate in Business Administration, 1998 Harvard Business School, Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management, 2005