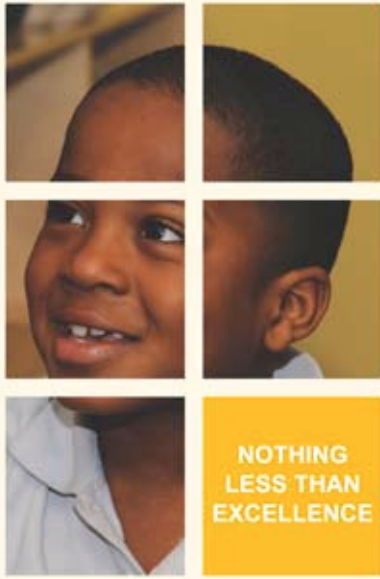


# Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School

## Board of Trustees



### Mission

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

### Core Values

Work hard. Get smart.  
Graduate from college.

High expectations  
equal results.

Nothing less than  
excellence.

Today is the day we  
make it happen.



### **Ms. Anne LaTarte, Board Chair**

#### **Managing Director of Program, Teach for America**

Ms. LaTarte taught special education for two years in Washington Heights before becoming a Program Director supporting new teachers with Teach For America. For the past two years, she has served as a Managing Director of Program supporting teachers and Program Directors of ELLs and students with special needs.

### **Ms. Lytza Colon**

#### **Artist, Community Board #2 Member**

Ms. Colon is an artist, with experience in art therapy, who is a lifelong resident of the South Bronx. She is also the Chair of the Youth Services and Education Committee for Community Board 2, whose mission is to improve education services in the community.

### **Mr. Nicolas Combemale**

#### **Founder of Access America Prep Programs, LLC**

Mr. Combemale founded Access America Prep Programs, LLC (AAP) in order to provide tools and programs to improve the ability of students to find, be accepted to and succeed in the US college of their choice. His work and passion are aligned with our mission. Prior to founding AAP, Mr. Combemale served as COO and Board Member of the Ross Institute for Advanced Study and Innovation. Prior to his work in education, Mr. Combemale had a successful career on Wall Street in Investment Banking.

### **Ms. Princess Wiggins Lyles, Esq.**

#### **Real Estate & Corporate Associate, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP**

Ms. Lyles is a corporate attorney for Shipman & Goodwin. She brings a legal skill set to the board, along with her prior experience with the board of Young Audiences of Connecticut, an organization focused on the placement of artists in schools throughout the state as a resource for educational enrichment.

### **Ms. Mimi Clark Mairs, Esq.**

#### **Staff Attorney, Office of Chief Medical Examiner**

Ms. Mairs is a staff attorney for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. She has intimate knowledge of the Bronx community from her work as an Assistant District Attorney for nine years in the Bronx.

### **Michael B. Ronan**

#### **President and CEO, Lighthouse Academies, Inc.**

Mr. Ronan is the founder and President and CEO of Lighthouse Academies, Inc. an education management organization. He has been directly involved with the management of 50 charter schools, including 25 start-up schools. He served as a Superintendent of Schools in Massachusetts for 16 years.

### **Ms. Carolyn Strom**

#### **Education Instructor, New York University**

Ms. Strom is an education instructor at New York University and an adjunct professor at La Guardia Community College. She was a classroom teacher in charter and traditional public schools in Los Angeles for seven years and has been working in education for 10 years. In the classroom she worked with the curricular programs used by MetLCS in the lower and upper academies. She is currently completing her PhD in Literacy Education at NYU.

### **Mr. Leonardo Vergara**

#### **Vice President, JP Morgan**

Mr. Vergara was a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in Compton, CA which provided him with a good understanding of public education in a high needs setting. Upon completing his commitment to Teach For America, he entered the world of finance. He currently is a Vice President at JP Morgan Stanley where he manages accounts for business in South America.