

Welcome New ACT Board Members!



Edison Almeida

Private Investor

Edison is a serial entrepreneur with over 15 years of experience in climate tech. As a corporate venture capitalist, he supported Schneider Electric in identifying early-stage entrepreneurs and launching new ventures targeting opportunities at the intersection of energy transition, software, and carbon markets. These efforts aim to create billion-dollar business lines by 2030. Edison also has an extensive network within the Massachusetts entrepreneurial ecosystem, fostering innovation and collaboration across the climate-tech space.



Laney Brown

Vice President, Sustainability, Avangrid

Laney Brown is the Vice President of Sustainability at Avangrid where she leads the ESG+F strategy and coordination supporting Avangrid as a leading sustainable energy company in the US. She also leads the Corporate Citizenship strategy including her role as President of the Board of the Avangrid Foundation.

She has experience in both regulated and unregulated energy including, most recently, leading the start-up of a new retail renewable energy business as well as leading innovation and strategy for grid modernization and future utility strategy. Laney served on the US Department of Energy's Electricity Advisor Committee (EAC) for 5 years. Laney is a graduate of Colby College as well as having a double MBA with a focus on the Global Energy Industry from the University of Strathclyde in Scotland and the Universidad Pontificas Comillas in Spain.



Carrie Cullen Hitt

Senior Director, Grid & Transmission, Vineyard Offshore

Carrie has worked in the energy industry for over 30 years and in offshore wind since 2018, initially leading the National Offshore Wind R&D Consortium. More recently she served as lead of US Transmission Strategy for Equinor.

Carrie served as President for New Hampshire Transmission, A NextEra Energy Transmission company. She also has served in senior market development roles for NextEra, New Energy Ventures (now Constellation), and the Solar Energy Industries Association. She received a B.A. from Clark University and an MA from John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Carrie is co-chair of the Artemis Circle of the Boston Boy and Girls Club.



Tamika N. Jaques

Manager, Workforce Development, Avangrid

Tamika N. Jacques, Ed.D. has been in Workforce Development field for over twenty years. Through various job positions she has had the privilege of helping to distribute over \$25 million in workforce development programs to help others excel and achieve their goals leading to economic sustainability. Tamika has created several workforce initiatives that focus on women, BIPOC, college students, high-school and elementary school students, incumbent and un/underemployed workers. Prior to joining Avangrid Renewables as the Director of Workforce Development, Tamika served as the Senior Director of Workforce Development at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

Tamika was given the Rising Star Award from the New England Women in Energy and The Environment in 2017 and in 2021 was awarded the Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion from the American Association of Blacks in Energy Greater Boston Chapter. Tamika also published A Brown Girls Guide to Employment and Networking Volume 1, which reached #1 on Amazon under Vocational Education. The Best Seller was also listed on Forbes.com as one of the Best Books for Networking.



Matt O'Malley

Chief Sustainability Officer, Vicinity Energy

Matt O'Malley serves as the first-ever Chief Sustainability Officer at Vicinity, where he leads the company's ambitious decarbonization strategy and oversees its transition to carbon-free operations. He joined Vicinity in January 2022, following over a decade of public service on the Boston City Council, where he served as President Pro Tempore.

During his 11-year tenure on the Council, Matt was a driving force behind some of Boston's most impactful environmental policies. He championed bold net-zero carbon building standards, expanded community choice energy, eliminated gas leaks and single-use plastic bags, and introduced curbside composting to divert organics from landfills. He also authored the landmark Building Energy Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), which has required large buildings to report their energy and water usage since 2013 and now empowers the city to set individual carbon targets. A testament to his popularity and effectiveness, he earned more votes than any district city councilor in Boston's history.



Brandon Owens

Vice President, Innovation & Research, NYSERDA

Brandon N. Owens is an energy innovation executive with 25+ years of experience bridging infrastructure, policy, capital, and technology. As Vice President of Innovation & Research at NYSERDA, he leads New York's \$1.2B 15-year clean energy R&D portfolio, with a focus on grid modernization, advanced storage, and the rising energy demands of AI. A former strategist at GE, S&P Global, and NREL, he brings deep expertise in commercialization and long-horizon planning. He is also the founder of Clean Power Shift and author of *The Wind Power Story*, working at the frontier where clean energy meets synthetic intelligence.



John Tzimorangas

President & CEO, Energy New England

John is responsible for the strategic planning, new business development, and overall operation for the Energy New England organization. ENE is the largest wholesale risk management and energy trading organization serving the needs of municipal utilities in the northeast. ENE currently manages the power supplies of over twenty-five municipal electric systems serving more than 1300 MW of electric load and more than 550 MW of generation in all six New England states. ENE advises on and/or conducts more than one billion kilowatt hours in wholesale power transactions and 100-150 million kilowatt hours in retail transactions annually.

Prior to joining ENE, he served as the General Manager of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, responsible for the entire operation of the municipal utility. Before HMLP, John served as a Director for NSTAR Electric in the Substation and Operations and Maintenance areas of a large private utility. John served as Director of Substations for all ninety-one cities and towns of Eversource and prior to that managed the activities of the Cape and Vineyard and the Plymouth divisions of the company, responsible for the day-to-day operations and customer relations in these geographic areas. John started his career in the electric industry with Commonwealth Electric, responsible for the operating areas on Cape Cod and Plymouth. John is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and received an MBA from Western New England College. John serves on several public power boards, President of the Northeast Public Power Association, American Public Power Association CEO Climate Committee.



Lizzi Weyant

Deputy Executive Director, MAPC

Lizzi Weyant joined MAPC in the spring of 2015 and was promoted to Deputy Executive Director of Public Affairs & Advocacy in 2021, and Deputy Executive Director in 2023. She oversees MAPC's transportation, clean energy, public health, municipal services, and public affairs work along with MAPC's subregional program.

In her time at MAPC, Ms. Weyant has helped to develop and oversee MAPC's legislative agenda, and the recommendations included in MAPC's regional plan, MetroCommon2050. She works closely with state and regional coalitions and committees, served on the Massachusetts Commission on Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting, and was co-chair of the Healey/Driscoll transition committee on Climate and Energy. She is currently serving on the Massachusetts Energy Transformation Advisory Board and works closely with MAPC's sister Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) as part of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA) and the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition (MMC).

Prior to joining MAPC, Ms. Weyant was the Advocacy Director of Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA), a statewide transportation coalition where she successfully advocated for more statewide funding for transportation. Prior to her time at the coalition, Ms. Weyant worked as a staff attorney at the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group, protecting consumers through legal, grassroots, and grasstops advocacy, with a focus on transportation issues and consumer affairs.