



2024 TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD INC.

# Board of Directors

## Joseph C. Balskus, P.E., PTOE, RSP1

*Discipline Director, Chair*



Joe Balskus is an Associate and Director of Transportations Systems in VHB's Wethersfield, CT, USA office. For more than 34 years, Joe has been leading the technical design and managing progressive transportation systems and championing innovative traffic and safety accommodations in local communities. He is a certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) since 2001 and a Roadway Safety Professional Level 1 (RSP1). He was appointed as Chair of the ITE Roundabout Standing Committee for 2024. For complete streets, Joe was appointed by the Connecticut Legislature in 2013 to serve on the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, the state's Complete Streets advocacy quasi-public board, where he has served as Secretary since 2015. Joe has received numerous project and professional awards, including many for his continued ITE service, recently as Chair of the ITE Northeastern District, and for participation in the ITE section and local chapter levels. He served as President of the ITE Connecticut Chapter and New England Section of ITE, as well as President of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Connecticut, and served as board member and Treasurer of the New England Parking Council. He served as Co-Chair of the Northeastern District 2019 Annual Meeting, where he was awarded the Harvey Boutwell award, the District's highest award for dedicated service. Joe has moderated/presented at TRB International Roundabout Conferences in Seattle, Green Bay, and Monterey. Locally, Joe spends his time exploring sustainable transportation and new technologies with his students at the University of New Haven where he serves as an Adjunct Professor teaching Transportation Engineering. He also serves on the Central Connecticut State University School of Engineering Civil Engineering Advisory Board for the last 15 years, his alma mater where he was twice awarded as Alumnus of the Year. Joe walks the walk and bikes the routes that he studies and designs. He is an avid fat biker riding year-round off road as well as a triathlete, completing dozens of triathlons and half Iron Mans.

## Stephen J. Manhart, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP1

*Organizational Director, Consultant, (Former Government Agency/ Organ.), Vice Chair*



Steve is Traffic Engineering Project Manager and Traffic Group Leader for the Minneapolis, MN, USA office of Michael Baker International. He has more than 38 years of senior traffic engineering and transportation planning experience in both the public and private sectors. He is experienced in assisting agencies and private clients in managing, developing, and delivering a variety of traffic and transportation projects, ranging from traffic impact studies and transportation demand management plans to traffic signal designs and

corridor signing plans. Most recently, Steve has managed signing and traffic signal work tasks for the I-94 Design-Build Project in the northwest corner of the Twin Cities. He also served as a presenter and subject matter expert in the FHWA/NHI video course "Road Safety Fundamentals." Steve also has extensive stakeholder and public engagement experience, having worked for the cities of Olathe, KS, USA and Bloomington, MN, as well as having served 2 years as Chair and 8 years as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Burnsville, MN. In addition, Steve served as Midwestern District Director of the Institute of Transportation Engineers International Board of Direction, representing the 11-state Midwestern District. In 2017, he was recognized as a Distinguished Member of North Central Section Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCITE). In 2018, Steve served as Vice Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Joint ITE International and Midwestern/Great Lakes Districts Annual Meeting and Exhibit held in Minneapolis. In 2022, Steve received the Distinguished Member Award from the ITE Great Lakes District. As 2023 TPCB Vice Chair, Steve brings a knowledge and recognition of the transportation needs of both public agencies and private users. He is committed to encouraging young professionals to further their careers through professional organization membership and technical certification.

## Deborah L. Snyder, P.E., PTOE

*Discipline Director, Immediate Past Chair*



Deborah L. Snyder is the Public Works Director/ County Engineer for the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners in Sumter County, FL, USA. She has 35 plus years of civil engineering experience, 25 plus years working as a traffic/ transportation engineer. Her experience includes 18 years working for the Florida Department of Transportation, 9 years working for City and County government agencies, and 7 years working in the private sector as a Senior Traffic Engineer or Senior Transportation Engineer. She has a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of South Florida and a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the Cleveland State University, Fenn College of Engineering. Deborah has been a PTOE since 2012 and has been involved in the TPCB since January 2018. As part of the TPCB, she has helped with the PTOE exam rewrite as a subject matter expert and has been a presenter in ITE webinars. She is an ITE member and one of the expert panel, writers, and voting committee members for the ITE *Trip Generation Handbook*, 3rd Edition. Additionally, she continues to review papers for publication in *ATS - Advances in Transportation Studies*, an International Journal published by the Roma Tre University in Rome, Italy.

## Geni Bahar, P.Eng., P.E., RSP2I, FITE

### Organizational Director (Road Safety Professional)



Geni Bahar has served as the President of NAVIGATS Inc. since 2008. In her immediate past positions, she served as the Vice-President of iTRANS Consulting Inc. for 9 years and as the Manager of the Transportation Safety Group of Delcan Cooperation in Ontario, Canada for 5 years. Geni is a civil engineer with more than 40 years of professional experience as a researcher and a practitioner. She has gained a broad and unique blend of experience with analytical methodologies and tools for road safety management; traffic and road safety analysis of existing and new road facilities; crash in-depth studies; countermeasure selection and evaluation; multidisciplinary strategic safety programs; and policy development, among others. Geni has served as the principal investigator for several safety projects under the umbrella of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program and the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC). She is an Emeritus Member of the ITE Safety Council and has been a member of ITE for more than 25 years. She was a member of the TRB ACS20 Safety Performance and Analysis Committee and served as Chair/Co-Chair of its User Liaison Subcommittee for 22 years, a member of the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP) and is now serving as the Co-Chair of the CARSP Newsletter Editorial Committee. She is past Chair of the TAC's Road Safety Committee and TAC's Road Safety Professional Subcommittee. Geni was awarded "Transportation Person of the Year 2007" by TAC and Transport Canada, and more recently the CARSP Life Achievement Award (2022) and the ITE Lifetime Member (2022).

## Nathan Becknell, P.E., PTP, PTOE

### Discipline Director



Nathan Becknell is a Principal and Manager of the Fayetteville, AR, USA office for Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc. (TEC) where he works on a variety of transportation focused areas including signal designs and timing, safety studies, bike/ped advocacy, impact analysis, and policy promotion. He received both his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and has held multiple leadership roles within the profession including MOVITE President and ARITE co-Administrator. Prior to his employment with TEC, Nathan worked for the City of Rogers, Arkansas for 5 years as a civil engineer, the last 2 of those years he served as the City Engineer. Nathan previously worked at Garver on the transportation team and Mobley Contractors as a foreman on a concrete pipe crew and concrete finishing crew.

## Brandon Campbell, P.E., PTOE, RSP1

### Discipline Director



Brandon Campbell is the Transportation Engineering Manager at the City of Tampa, FL, USA. He leads a team of 40 engineers and technicians with responsibilities over Tampa's Capital Improvement Program and Vision Zero initiative. In his previous role as Smart Mobility Manager he led Tampa's Smart Cities program, micromobility, right of way permitting, street lighting, traffic operations, special event operations, traffic signal and ITS programs, and related capital projects. Prior to joining the City of Tampa, he spent 12 years with the Missouri Department of Transportation. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in both Florida and Missouri and holds certifications as a Professional Traffic Operations

Engineer (PTOE) and Road Safety Professional (RSP). He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Missouri—Columbia. He spends his free time volunteering at his church and providing leadership as Past President of the Greater Tampa Section of ITE.

## Nelson Galeano, P.E., PTP, PTOE, RSP1

### Discipline Director



Nelson Galeano is a Civil Professional Engineer. His 25-year work and international experience spans transportation planning, travel-demand modeling, traffic engineering, and controlling focused on policy formulation at national, regional, and urban levels in transportation infrastructure projects. After his master studies in transportation planning and traffic engineering in Stuttgart (Germany), he worked for two years for a German company. His activity mainly focused on shopping centers, multiuse developments, and the redevelopment of some institutional areas (former U.S. military bases). He operated as an entry-level engineer performing traffic analysis and travel demand forecasting simulations for private developers. He came back to his native country (Colombia, South America) as part of the United Nations Developing Program in charge of the technical component of formulating the national urban transportation policy for the National Department of Planning under a private-public partnership. One of his most important remarks is Transmilenio, which is the best bus-guided transit system of the world and the structural stone for the citywide integral multimodal mobility plan for Bogota, capital of Colombia. After his relocation to the United States, he got a Master's degree in Management and worked for private engineering consulting companies doing traffic impact analyses and transportation studies for public and private agencies using travel demand models. He started working in Manatee County, FL, USA eight years ago at the transportation planning division as engineer and is currently the transportation planning and traffic engineering division manager. He continues with his advocacy for road safety and sustainability for the Latino community as a columnist for the *Latino Al Día* in Southwest Florida.

## Brian E. Chandler, P.E., PTOE, RSP2IB

### Organizational Director



Brian Chandler is a Principal and National Director for Transportation Safety at DKS Associates, Seattle, WA, USA. He leads safety planning and analysis projects for local, state, and federal clients while overseeing the firm's safety practice. Brian has previously served in traffic operations and traffic safety leadership roles for the Missouri Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Leidos. Brian is a national leader in safety and responsible for delivering numerous safety initiatives. He is considered a national expert in data analysis, engineering countermeasure implementation, safety evaluation, and safety management. In 2016 Brian authored a university textbook, *Roadway Safety: Identifying Needs and Implementing Countermeasures*. Brian earned his Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) certification in 2004, and in 2018 he was in the first cohort to earn the Road Safety Professional Level 1 (RSP) certification. He followed up in 2019 as part of the first group of certification holders for the RSP Level 2 Infrastructure (RSP2I) and RSP Level 2 Behavioral (RSP2B). Brian was Co-Founder and President of the Central Missouri Chapter of ITE (CMITE), State Director of the Missouri Valley Section (MOVITE), and he currently serves as Co-Chair of the ITE Washington Section Safety Committee.

## Kohinoor Kar, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE

### Discipline Director



Dr. Kohinoor Kar is currently with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as its Research Center Lead. He has more than 30 years combined experience in roadway design, traffic and safety engineering, program and project management, and federal grants. Previously, he held critical positions in ADOT Multimodal Planning Division, Research Center and Traffic Safety Section. He played key roles in the Arizona Highway Safety Improvement Program, Arizona Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, *Highway Safety Manual* training and implementation, and pilot applications of Human Factors Guidelines (NCHRP 600). Prior to joining ADOT, he worked for international consulting firms and universities. He has served on several prestigious committees and panels as a chair or member. Currently, Dr. Kar serves on the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Research Innovation Implementation Management committee (AJE35) and Pedestrians committee (ACH10) as a member, and also some *Highway Safety Manual* related NCHRP research panels as chair or member. He is on the Arizona P.E. licensing board's Examination Review Committee and Enforcement Advisory Committee. Dr. Kar has published several papers in peer-reviewed journals, and presented at several national and international conferences and webinars. He serves on the editorial boards of Elsevier's *Journal of Safety Research* and TRB's *Transportation Research Record*. He has reviewed numerous papers submitted to *ITE Journal*. He is a faculty associate at Arizona State University, Tempe, where he teaches a doctorate-level course on transportation safety, and also serves on doctoral dissertation and masters comprehensive exam committees. He taught several undergraduate and graduate engineering courses at Wayne State University (Michigan) and the University of Windsor (Ontario, Canada). He is also a guest speaker at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

## David A. Petrucci, Jr., P.E., PTOE, RSP2I

### Organizational Director (National or State)



David A. Petrucci, Jr. is a Senior Safety Engineer and member of the Safety and Design Technical Service Team in the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Resource Center. He has served in this position for the past 9 years. David has more than 20 years of traffic engineering experience in consulting and government while specializing in intersection and roadway safety. He has served as a core team member of the FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC4) Data-Driven Safety Analysis (DDSA) effort and provides technical assistance, training, and technology deployment to state, local, and tribal governments throughout the United States. He is an active member of ITE at the local and international levels including serving as a member of Executive Committee of the ITE Traffic Engineering Council (2011 to 2017), and the ITE Safety Council as Vice-Chair (2016 to 2018) and Chair (2018 to 2020). Prior to joining FHWA, David worked as a consulting traffic engineer for public and private sector clients throughout the United States, specializing in transportation operations, roadway design, simulation modeling, and traffic study services.

## Jan Oliver Voss, MSc, P.Eng., PTOE

### Organizational Director (Canada)



Jan Oliver Voss brings his expertise in traffic engineering as both Founder and current President of Creative Transportation Solutions Ltd. (CTS), one of Western Canada's largest traffic engineering consulting firms. His responsibilities include leading a team of 30 technical and field staff, spearheading business development, and ensuring a high standard of quality in various projects. He is a registered

Professional Engineer in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories/Nunavut with 34 years of direct experience in the field of traffic engineering and operations. In addition, Jan is a certified Expert Witness in traffic engineering by the Supreme Court of British Columbia. He has served as president for both ITE Canada (formerly CITE) and the ITE Greater Vancouver Section. In recognition of his extensive contributions to the field of traffic engineering, Jan received CITE's H. Robert Burton Distinguished Service Award in June 2016, CITE's Volunteer of the Year Award in 2010, and ITE BC Transportation Professional of the Year Award in 2004. He is a fellow of ITE. Jan has been a huge supporter of the PTOE program since it was first introduced to Canada. Since 2000, Jan spearheaded a program to enhance the profile of the PTOE designation in Western Canada and to increase the number of PTOEs, which included organizing and co-teaching PTOE refresher courses in British Columbia.

## Bernie Wagenblast

### Public Director



Bernie Wagenblast is a transportation journalist. She's the host of the *ITE Talks Transportation* and AASHTO *ETAP* podcasts. Bernie had her start in the transportation field as one of the original Shadow Traffic reporters in New York City, NY, USA in 1979. Following this, she worked on transportation in the public sector with NYCDOT and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. For nearly a decade, she served as the operations manager of TRANSCOM, a multi-agency information center, and was involved with the creation of the I-95 Corridor Coalition. Following that, she worked in the private sector for firms such as TransCore, SmartRoute Systems, and Westwood One. Bernie does a variety of transportation voiceover work and can be heard on PATCO, the New York City subway system, and the AirTrain at Newark Airport. She also narrates many of the online courses offered to ITE members through the Consortium for Innovative Transportation Education at the University of Maryland. She's the editor of several transportation e-publications, including the *Transportation Communications Newsletter* and the *AASHTO Daily Transportation Update*.

## Steve Kuciemba

### Executive Director and CEO



Steve Kuciemba is the Executive Director and CEO of the Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. and ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals. Steve joined ITE in 2022 as the Chief Technical Officer and ascended to CEO in November of 2023 upon the retirement of longtime CEO Jeff Paniati. Prior to joining ITE, Steve had a 36-year career in transportation—starting at the engineering levels with General Motors and the Maryland State Highway Administration, and gaining additional valuable experience with a technology start-up focused on the early stages of advanced travel information distribution. In 2000 he joined the staff of ITS America and rose to Executive Vice President, functioning as the COO and gaining broad experience in association leadership. He then joined Parsons Brinckerhoff as their National ITS Practice Leader, and after the acquisition by WSP he continued to function in that role for a total of nearly 15 years in consulting. He has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Michigan and continues this day as Chair of the External Advisory Board for the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Steve is a Fellow of ITE and has been a member since 1991.