



## BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW



**SIZE** 9 Seats



**TERM LENGTH** 24 Months



**TERM LIMIT**

### Purpose:

- To support and foster professional excellence in the arts
- To strengthen and preserve our cultural heritage
- To encourage the local development of the arts
- To make the arts more widely available to the people of Natick
- To support the work of artists, humanists, and cultural organizations
- To provide advocacy and leadership in the arts



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## ENACTING RESOLUTION

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WEBSITE



Town of Natick

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

### BOARD ROSTER



**PRERNA DUBLISH**

1st Term Jun 26, 2019 - Jun 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen  
**Position** Social Media Coordinator



**ROBERT K HIRSCH**

1st Term Mar 04, 2019 - Jun 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen  
**Position** Treasurer



**SHRIYA JOAG**

1st Term Jun 25, 2019 - Jun 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen  
**Position** Chair



**DAVID KRENTZMAN**

1st Term Jul 01, 2019 - Jun 30, 2021

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen  
**Position** Member



**SHAHREEN H QUAZI-DAHODWALA**

1st Term Sep 06, 2018 - Jun 30, 2020

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen  
**Position** Secretary



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**Profile**

Grace

First Name

Keeney

Last Name

Middle Initial

grace.keeney@sunlife.com

Email Address

64 Washington Avenue

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Natick

City

MA

State

01760

Postal Code

**What Precinct do you live in? \***☒ Precinct 4

Mobile: (908) 930-3168

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

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**Applicants are encouraged to attend or read the minutes of several meetings of the body to which they are applying, if possible.**

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Cultural Council: Submitted

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**Are you a registered voter in the Town of Natick?**☒ Yes ☐ No**Have you ever attended a Natick town meeting?**☒ Yes ☐ No**Have you ever served on a board, committee, or commission in the Town of Natick?**☐ Yes ☒ No

**If yes, please list name(s) of board, committee or commissions, along with date(s) of service:**

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**Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? Are there any changes you would like to see to these boards, committees and/or commissions?**

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No

**Are you a graduate of the Natick Community Services Citizen's Leadership Academy?**

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☐ Yes ☐ No

**Please list any skills or specialized knowledge you can bring to these boards, committees and/or commissions.**

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Resume attached

**Please list any professional affiliations.**

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Secretary-Fenway Civic Association Co-Chair-Women's Leadership Network Co-Chair - United Way  
Emerging Leader's Boards

**Let us know what other specialized interests or hobbies you might have.**

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**Applicants are encouraged to upload a resume, accepted file types are listed below.**

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Upload a Resume

## Grace Elizabeth Seme Keeney

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### RELEVANT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

#### **Co-Chair, Women's Leadership Network**, Sun Life, Wellesley, MA

08/16 - Present

- Leads the Board to define and execute on annual priorities as well as provide ongoing support and mentoring to WLN organization to ensure alignment, empowerment and impact, as we support our 850+ members
- Responsible for defining strategy and facilitating merger of US and Canadian women's groups by driving planning discussions, offering collaborative approach and negotiating solutions ideal for both teams
- Facilitates monthly meetings, prepares material for discussions (pre-reads on strategy, agendas, minutes, etc.), creates our annual measures of success and calendar, and manages our \$10k budget
- Led team to produce 15 professional development, networking and philanthropic events in 2018, hosted across over 10 locations and raised over \$43,000 for St. Jude
- Meets monthly with all Inclusion Network (employee resource group) Co-Chairs to create alignment on shared goals, drive forth shared initiatives, increase employee engagement, and foster allyship among networks to foster inclusive organization

#### **Co-Chair, United Way Emerging Leaders Board**, Boston, MA

08/16 - Present

- Responsible for leading the United Way Emerging Leaders Board to provide leadership, volunteer and networking opportunities to young professionals in the region, by promoting two foundations of better lives - financial opportunity and educational success
- Motivated United Way Board of 20+ young professionals in Boston area to raise \$91,000, surpassing goal of \$80,000, almost tripling year over year goal (\$36,000) through hosting charity events, soliciting sponsors and leveraging networks
- Drove and implemented new Board structure, outlining roles and responsibilities, goals and fundraising requirements resulting in the team exceeding goals

#### **Board Member, Commonwealth Seminar Advisory Board**, Boston, MA

09/18 - Present

- Responsible for providing strategic direction to Executive Director, suggesting new revenue streams, assisting with 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and advocating for use of data from past participants to tell the Commonwealth Seminar story
- Past participant of 6 week program, dedicated to ensuring doors of government are open to all

#### **Secretary, Fenway Civic Association**, Boston, MA

10/18 - 06/19

- Responsible for advocating on behalf of Fenway residents at public meetings, meeting with local businesses and expressing the unique needs and concerns of Fenway residents on proposed business development plans

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Associate Director, Strategic Programs**, Sun Life, Wellesley, MA

12/17 - Present

- Responsible for managing strategic initiatives throughout the company ranging in integrations of an acquired business, building a new growth opportunity with partners in Asia to create robotic automation, managing a confidential project to ramp down team of 75 employees to approx. 20 employees, and support additional requests as they arise

#### **Senior Business Consultant, Product & Strategy**, Sun Life, Wellesley, MA

11/15 - 12/17

- Responsible for driving annual strategy planning process, partnering with stakeholders across the company, identifying potential initiatives to be prioritized, facilitating multiple cross-site virtual meetings to review initiatives, gain approval on annual priorities, and provide quarterly reporting on how initiatives are progressing
- Supported the SVP of Group & Voluntary to drive strategy and initiatives critical to the business which includes facilitating team meetings, creating a sub-team to identify strategies to improve sales momentum, as well as driving employee initiatives like the Workplace by Facebook pilot
- Nominated for CEO Award for work creating and managing Stay at Work pilot, in partnership with Vocational Resources, to deliver services to two Clients (Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Kettering) while defining future strategy of offering at Sun Life

#### **Rotational Leadership Development Program**, Sun Life, Wellesley, MA and Waterford, Ireland

08/12 - 11/15

#### **Rotations in Product, Information Technology & Marketing**

- Gained experience in project managing business initiatives, while also driving strategic planning work
- Acted as relationship manager to facilitate monthly partnership meetings with three vendors (ComPsych, Assist America and HRI, Inc.) and responsible for driving success on Value Added Services programs
- Managed graduate student by providing coaching, managing capacity and providing development opportunities through cross department projects
- Founder and creator of RLDP Breakfast and Beyond; Engaged alumna of RLDP program and mentor to RLDP participants

### EDUCATION

#### **Bentley University**, Waltham, MA

Bachelor of Science, Management and Liberal Studies in Global Perspectives, May 2012

G.P.A. 3.73; President's List, President's Academic Scholarship, Modern Languages Honor Society *Phi Sigma Iota*

Certifications: Change Management Certified, Prosci, June 2018; Graduate of She Should Run Virtual Cohort, July 2019