

MASS UNION OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS

2026 OFFICER ELECTION - CANDIDATES LIST

PRESIDENT – 1 Candidate

DAVE UNDERHILL



Currently Chairman Mass Union, Board member of Mass Union for over 10 years. Vice Chairman Board of Commissioners at Fall River Housing Authority. Chairman of Fall River Joint Tenant Council, HUD regional ambassador. Member of NAHRO Commissioners Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT – 4 Candidates

GENE COLLINS

DANIELLE CONNOLLY



Dani Connolly serves as Treasurer of Mass Union of Public Housing Tenants and is a candidate for Vice Chair. She was elected to the Mass Union Board in 2023, later nominated by her peers, and elected by affiliates as Assistant Treasurer, and subsequently became Treasurer. Dani also co-founded Mass Union's first-ever formal Fundraising Committee, where she serves as Chair. In Stoneham, she is President and Co-Founder of the Stoneham Housing Residents Union and, in April 2025, became the first public-housing tenant elected to the Stoneham Housing Authority Board of Directors.

Her election helped lead to tenants becoming a majority of the Board for the first time in Stoneham's history. Her work centers on tenant leadership, community organizing, fundraising, resident representation, and strengthening local tenant organizations across Massachusetts. Dani is seeking the office of Vice Chair to bring that experience, consistency, and commitment to the next level of Mass Union leadership.

FLORINA K. LENNARDS



I am writing to express my interest in running for the position of Vice Chair of Mass union and I humbly ask for your support. A little about my background:

- I moved to Caffrey Towers in 2015.
- I am the current president of Caffrey towers tenants' association.
- I started volunteering at the Brigham and Women's Hospital from 2004 to 2020.

- I have also served as a Hospice volunteer at the South Shore hospital.
- I am originally from Barbados.

While in Barbados I have had the good fortune of serving as head of various organizations including Special Olympics soroptimist international of Great Britain and Ireland as well as Junior Chamber International also known as (J.C.I.) among others.

At present I attend a program at Codman Square library every second Wednesday of the month through the office of mayor of Boston memory café. Professionally, I am a British trained paper conservator. I have worked in the Public Library system in Barbados for 30 years. With regards to relevance, I have been attending the meetings of the residents Advisory Board, the board meeting of the Brockton Housing Authority (BHA) along with Massachusetts Union of Public Housing tenants since October 2021.

If given the opportunity to serve as your director, and with consideration of my vast experience I have gained through my several endeavors professionally and voluntarily, I am in a position to offer a valuable contribution to the organization. With your help together we can make our lives and our community more meaningful.

JoELLA (JADA) TARBUTTON-SPRINGFIELD

TREASURER – 1 Candidate

CARMEN BAEZ

Hi, my name is Carmen Baez, and I am the current President of the Bryan Manor Tenant Association (BMTA) in Somerville, MA. I have been an active member of the BMTA for nine years, serving in the following roles:

- Committee Member: 2017 – 2019
- Board of Directors (Treasurer): 2020 – 2025
- Board of Directors (President): 2026 – Present

Throughout my tenure I have been dedicated to representing our residents by addressing concerns, advocating for tenant rights, and improving our building. I am particularly Proud

of my work assisting our Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian community members. These experiences have allowed me to develop strong professional skills in communication, active listening, and problem-solving. I am writing to formally nominate myself for the Board of Directors of Mass Union of Public Housing Tenants. Having met several members of the Mass Union, I am deeply impressed by your dedication. I am eager to bring my nine years of experience to help other local tenant organizations achieve their goals and will be honored to serve your organization. Thank you for your time and consideration.

SECRETARY – 1 Candidate

CASSANDRA PAGE



I'm Cassandra Page from the Belmont Housing Authority, and I'm honored to be nominated for both Treasurer and Secretary of the Mass Union Board. Over the years, I've served in leadership roles as Mass Union Secretary, Belmont Tenants Association Vice President and Tenant Engagement Officer, and Belmont Housing Authority Board Treasurer. These experiences have strengthened my skills in leadership, organization, financial stewardship, and tenant advocacy.

While I'd be honored to serve as Treasurer, I'm only running to remain Secretary. I hope to continue serving our community as Secretary of Mass Union with the transparency and strength you all deserve.

ASSISTANT TREASURER – 1 Candidate

BRET PERKINS



My name is Bret Perkins. I am running for assistant treasurer position on the mass union board of directors. I am the current president of my local tenants Association here in Quincy. I have been on the board of directors for Mass Union for two terms. I have been to several public housing days that Mass Union has sponsored at the state capital building. I have spoken to our senator Keenan and our representative Tackey Chan. I have also sat in front of the housing committee at state capital building. I was explaining to them, how the bond bill that they were working on that

year to give them explanations of how it's going to help tenants in public housing. I want to thank you for considering me as your assistant treasurer for Mass Union board of directors.