



2022 Nominations Committee Report
Board of Directors Election Recommendation
Annual Membership Meeting | Orlando, FL | April 12, 2022

Nominations Committee Members

- **Dave Souders** (Chair), IIUSA Director; IIUSA Leadership Circle; IIUSA Best Practices Committee | Managing Partner, Todd Associates Inc.
- **K. David Andersson**, IIUSA President Emeritus; IIUSA Leadership Circle | President, WORC Regional Centers
- **George Ekins**, IIUSA Director (2012-2018); IIUSA Leadership Circle | Principal, American Dream Fund
- **Noreen Hogan**, IIUSA Leadership Circle; IIUSA Public Policy Committee | President, CMB Regional Centers
- **Ozzie Torres**, IIUSA Leadership Circle; IIUSA Public Policy & Editorial Committees | Shareholder, Torres Law

Recommendations

Officers (1-Year Terms)

The Committee recommends to the membership the election of the following:

President:

- **Robert Kraft**, CEO FirstPathway Partners (Incumbent)

Vice President

- **William Gresser**, President, EB-5 New York State Regional Center (Incumbent)

Secretary-Treasurer

- **Stephen Strnisha**, CEO, Cleveland International Fund (Incumbent)

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Directors (Four 3-Year Terms)

There are four (4) Director seats open for election. Up to, but no more than, one (1) of these seats can be filled by Service Provider members. The Committee recommends the following five (5) members for election:

- **Eren Cicekdagi** | Managing Director, Golden Gate Global (Incumbent)
- **Roberto Contreras IV** | Managing Director, Houston EB-5
- **Rush Deacon** | Managing Director, Pine State Regional Center (Incumbent)
- **Daniel J. Healy** | CEO, Civitas Capital Group (Incumbent)
- **Mariza McKee** | Partner, Kutak Rock (Incumbent)*

**Indicates this nominee is a service provider member*

Election Process

IIUSA's 17th Annual Membership Meeting will take place at **8:00am ET on Tuesday, April 12, 2022** prior to the start of the EB-5 Industry Forum at the JW Marriott Bonnet Creek in Orlando, FL. All nominees or a proxy will have the opportunity to briefly address the membership about their candidacy. There will be no live stream or recording of the membership meeting.

Each member organization in good standing** will receive information in the coming days for how to cast their electronic vote for the election. Each member organization has a "designated voter" and that person will receive emailed instructions. Voting will open following the conclusion of the membership meeting and members will have until 11:59pm ET on April 12th to electronically cast their votes.

Each member organization gets 1 ballot to cast votes for the 4 open directorship positions*** and all 3 officer positions. Members may cast up to 4 votes for the same person for each directorship opening, if they choose. The director nominees with the 4 highest vote counts will fill the open directorship seats. The new directors will be announced no later than April 13, 2022.

***Member organizations more than 2 months past due will be unable to vote until the dues are paid or a payment plan is established.*

****Up to, but no more than, one (1) Director position can be filled by service provider members per IIUSA's [bylaws](#). If 2 service providers are in the top 4 vote counts, only the service provider with the highest vote count will be elected to the Board.*

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CANDIDATE BIOS

Officers – 1-year terms

President:

Robert Kraft, President & CEO, FirstPathway Partners (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2013 (Regional Center)	Leadership Circle President (2017-present) Director (2014-2017) Public Policy Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

Vice President:

William P. Gresser, President & CEO, EB-5 New York State Regional Center (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2009 (Regional Center)	Vice President (2017-present) Leadership Circle Public Policy Committee Director Emeritus (2016- 2017) IIUSA Board of Directors (2010-2016) Public Policy Committee Chair (2016-17) Public Relations Committee Chair (2014-15) Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Secretary-Treasurer:

Stephen Strnisha, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland International Fund (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2012 (Regional Center)	Leadership Circle Secretary-Treasurer (2016- Present) Public Policy Committee Public Policy Committee Chair (2015-16) Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Directors (Four 3-year terms) *Up to, but no more than, one (1) of the seats can be filled by a Service Provider. *In alphabetical order*

Eren Cicekdagi | Managing Director, Golden Gate Global

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2014 (Regional Center)	Leadership Circle Membership & Investor Markets Development Committee Public Policy Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Roberto Contreras IV | Managing Director, Houston EB-5

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2012 (Regional Center)	Membership & Investor Market Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Rush Deacon | Managing Director, Pine State Regional Center (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2014 (Regional Center)	Board of Directors (2019-present) Leadership Circle Public Policy Committee Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Daniel J. Healy | CEO, Civitas Capital Group (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2011 (Regional Center)	Board of Directors (2012-2015; 2016-present) Leadership Circle Public Policy Committee Best Practices Committee Chair (2012-2014) Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile

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Mariza McKee | Partner, Kutak Rock (Incumbent)

Member Since	IIUSA Engagement	Bio/LinkedIn
2013 (Service Provider)	Board of Directors (2019-present) Leadership Circle Compliance Committee Chair (2014-2018) Best Practices Committee Chair (2018-2019) Event Speaker	Bio LinkedIn Profile