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Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Board of Directors Elects New Officers and Appoints Committee Chairpersons at Annual Meeting

Karen L. Larrimer of PNC is the new President of the Board and Will be Working with the Board Officers, Members, and Committees to Provide Guidance and Oversight for the Museum

PITTSBURGH (Sept. 29, 2020)—Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce the election of Karen L. Larrimer, as the new president of the Museum's Board of Directors at the Museum's Annual Meeting held this September.

Larrimer is executive vice president, head of Retail Banking and chief customer officer of The PNC Financial Services Group. In this role, she is responsible for leading PNC's consumer businesses, business banking, brokerage, all distribution channels, digital enterprise customer advocacy and marketing. She has been a member of the Children's Museum's Board of Directors since 2011, served as past vice president of the Museum's Board of Directors and chairman of the Children's Museum's MuseumLab Capital Campaign Fund Committee.

Bob Denove, was re-elected as Treasurer and Winston Simmonds was re-elected as Secretary.

The newly elected leadership of the board as well as its members are tasked with determining the mission and vision of the museum and hold fiduciary responsibility. They provide a crucial advisory role to the staff of the museum on how to best serve the community.

“We are so grateful for all of the volunteers that serve on the board and for the guidance and support they provide. The entire group is absolutely critical to our success as we continue our work to serve our visitors and neighbors,” said Jane Werner, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Executive Director. “We are so excited to have Karen take on this leadership role and for Bob and Winston to continue to serve in positions where they have excelled.”

At the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors also named the following Committee Chairpersons:

- Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion, and Justice Committee: Valerie Kinloch
- Marketing/Communications Committee: Christopher W. Daley
- Business Development Committee: Joshua McElhattan
- Development/Fundraising Committee: Evan Rosenberg
- Finance Committee: Bob Denove
- Investment Sub-Committee: Rick Lerach
- Governance Committee: Penny Zacharias

- Nominating Sub-Committee: Darrell Smalley
- Planning Committee: Blaise Larkin

Larrimer's term starts immediately in Sept. 2020, and runs for two years. At PNC she assumed the leadership of Retail Banking in July 2016. She was named chief customer officer in March 2014 and has held a number of executive positions at PNC, including chief marketing officer and executive vice president for business banking, where she directed strategic planning, marketing, and product management and development. She served in leadership roles with treasury management and the small business sales teams across PNC's regions. Prior to joining PNC, Larrimer served as a sales executive for Ernst & Young and held management positions at Mellon Bank.

Larrimer serves on the board of directors for The PNC Foundation. She is a member of the board and immediate past chairperson for the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and is president of the board of the Duquesne Club. She also serves on the board of trustees for Robert Morris University (RMU), volunteers on the Board of Visitors for RMU's Women's Leadership and Mentorship Program and is an emeritus board member for Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Larrimer has been recognized as one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking by *American Banker* magazine for the past five years (2015-2019); was named a Carlow University Woman of Spirit® (2020); received a Most Powerful and Influential Woman Award by the National Diversity Council's Pennsylvania Awards Committee (2014) and was a finalist for the 2014 Athena Award. She received the Girl Scouts of America Award of Distinction in Business (2013) and was named a *Working Mother* magazine "Mother of the Year" (2010), "Women Worth Watching" by *Diversity Journal* magazine (2009), and one of the Best 50 Women in Business in Pennsylvania (2003).

Larrimer graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in business management and a concentration in marketing from Point Park University in Pittsburgh, and completed the Carnegie Mellon University Center for Executive Education Leadership Program.

She follows the term of Mike Duckworth, outgoing president, who will remain on the board.

"We are so grateful for Mike's vision over the past four years. He has been an amazing leader for the board and we are thrilled to have his continued involvement as a board member," said Werner.

Denove and Simmonds will continue in their leadership roles. Denove is a retired Senior Partner at Deloitte. He joined the Children's Museum Board in 1994 and has served as Treasurer since 2004. Denove earned his BSBA in Accounting from Thiel College in Pennsylvania and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA). Simmonds is the Vice President - DC Metropolitan Region, at LTK Engineering Services, where he assists clients implement rail vehicle engineering and transit systems engineering solutions. Formerly with Simmonds Construction Services and the Port Authority of Allegheny County, Simmonds oversaw the management of rail and incline operations, engineering and construction activities, light rail vehicles and system maintenance, as well as the North Shore Connector Project. He has served on the Children's Museum Board since 2008.

For a complete list of all members of the board, please visit: <https://www.pittsburghkids.org/about/board-members>

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side at 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information please visit www.pittsburghkids.org.