

# Environmental Financial Advisory Board

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Speaker Bios

## **Gregg Trembl**

**Deputy Chief Financial Officer**

**EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Gregg Trembl is the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the EPA. His responsibilities include oversight of EPA's annual budget and performance plans, financial operations, and financial information systems. Gregg is also responsible for directing strategic planning and policy development efforts as well as overseeing the E-Enterprise for the Environment initiative, EPA's continuous improvement efforts, and the Agency's evidence and evaluation activities.



Prior to joining EPA, Gregg served as Assistant Inspector General & Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. Gregg has also held leadership roles in budget, finance, and human resources at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the General Services Administration's Public Buildings Service, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Gregg earned a Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Connecticut and a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, with minors in Finance and Western Civilization, from Providence College.

## **Venus Welch-White, PhD**

**Senior Advisor to EPA's Agriculture Advisor**

**EPA's Office of the Administrator**

Venus Welch-White serves as the Senior Advisor to the Administrator's Agriculture Advisor, as well as the Designated Federal Officer for EPA's Farm, Ranch and Rural Federal Advisory Committee. She joined EPA in November of 2020 as the Senior Policy Advisory in OLEM's Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division and supported initiatives, policy and programs across the division including Anaerobic Digester Grants and RCRA's voluntary partnership programs. Prior to joining EPA, she served as the National Rural Energy Program Coordinator in USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service where she conducted stakeholder engagement, outreach, technical reviews, business strategy and development, policy support, and facilitated collaborations with internal and external partners in agriculture, renewable energy, biofuels, economic development, and financial institutions. Venus began her federal career as a 2014 Presidential Management-STEM Fellow and as part of the of her PMF program she completed detail assignments in in USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, supporting climate smart ag and forestry initiatives as well as in the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, where she analyzed policy and budget legislation for EPA, developed congressional reports, and supported implementation of

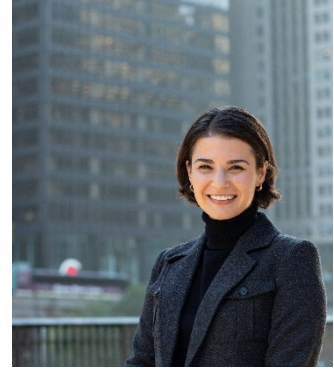


executive orders and administrative initiatives of across federal agencies. Venus has received honors such as the USDA Shining Star award and named Energy News Network 40 under 40. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences from Tuskegee University in Alabama.

## **Angela Adduci**

### **Aon**

Angela works at Aon, where she focuses on developing innovative solutions to help governments and other public institutions reduce volatility and maximize the impact of their mission. She works alongside a global team of talented colleagues that have deep experience serving in government, insurance, reinsurance, and the capital markets. In her current role, Angela focuses on key areas including clean energy, climate resiliency, infrastructure, and natural disasters. She assists public sector and quasi-governmental clients in accessing the full scope of Aon's offerings to enhance and strengthen their mandate.



Prior to Aon, Angela was a Risk and Infrastructure Intelligence Analyst with Argonne National Laboratory. In this role, she provided risk assessment and analytical support to various government agencies in subject matters including natural disaster mitigation and response, counter-terrorism coordination, and critical infrastructure resiliency. She also sat on the Steering Committee for Argonne's Women in Science and Technology (WIST) resource group.

Angela received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame. She is currently an MBA candidate at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

## **Clint Bartlett**

### **Finance and Investments Consultant**

### **United Nations Development Programme's Adaption Innovation Marketplace**

Clint Bartlett has over two decades experience in the fields of Corporate Social Responsibility, impact investing, social finance, development finance and corporate strategy. Clint has held a number of executive and consulting roles in both non-profit and for-profit entities, in the global north and south. He is currently in advisory roles to the Global Resilience Partnership and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Climate Finance. Clint has an MBA from the University of Cape Town, and a Masters in Advanced Management from Yale University. In 2019 he became a Fellow of the Jacobs Foundation, and is a regular guest lecturer to the MBA and EMBA programs at the Yale School of Management and Oxford University's Said Business School focusing on private sector finance and resilience building.



## Jen Cotting

**Environmental Finance Center Director  
University of Maryland**

Jen Cotting is the Director of the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland. She was appointed Director in 2018 after fifteen years with the EFC, where she previously served as the EFC's first Research Associate for Green Infrastructure, managing the Center's portfolio of green infrastructure projects, as well as the Associate Director managing the day-to-day operations of the Center and staff and overseeing more than three dozen programs and projects. Her own projects over the past ten years have involved research and analysis on resource management, financial business planning, and public education and community engagement, particularly in the water quality regulatory arena. Current and recent projects include support and promotion of multi-municipal water quality efforts in a number of Pennsylvania communities, climate and sea level rise planning in the towns of Calvert County, Maryland, and collaborative watershed financing in Virginia's Elizabeth River Watershed. She holds an MS in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland and a BA in Communications from Marymount University.



## Bev Vazquez

**Environmental Protection Specialist  
EPA's Water Finance Center**

Bev Vazquez (they/them) is an experienced Environmental Protection Specialist in EPA's Water Finance Center with over 7 years of experience in the government water finance sector. They have experience in providing technical assistance to a varied audience and has led projects related to water technical assistance, affordability, water infrastructure funding, stormwater, and agricultural issues. As a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, with a BA in biology and a MS in applied geosciences, Bev has a strong passion for community and social services.



## Ellen Tarquinio

**Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center Director  
EPA's Office of Water**

Ellen Tarquinio is the Director for the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center at the U.S. EPA. At WIRFC, she focuses on water affordability challenges, financing for stormwater programs and leading the technical assistance effort. She started at the EPA in 2004, developing the National Rivers and Streams Assessment and National Lakes Survey, as well as leading efforts to develop monitoring programs at states and other Federal Agencies. After a year working as Special Assistant for the EPA Administrator, she served as the Deputy Director for Water Policy at the White House. She has also worked in the Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water focusing on water system regionalization. Before coming to



EPA, Ellen worked as a fisheries biologist at New York State and attended the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maine.

## **Dan Utech**

### **Chief of Staff**

#### **EPA's Office of the Administrator**

Dan Utech is the Chief of Staff of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Dan has over 20 years of experience in environmental policy. Dan served as Deputy Assistant to President Obama for Energy and Climate Change, leading The White House and cross-governmental teams to develop and implement energy and climate change policy, including President Obama's Climate Action Plan. Dan also served as a Senior Advisor to Energy Secretary Steven Chu.



Prior to his federal agency experience, Dan worked in the Senate for 10 years, where he worked on a range of environmental and energy policy issues for Senators Clinton, Corzine and Baucus. Dan started his Washington career at EPA as a Presidential Management Intern. He has been a lecturer at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, from which he received a M.E.S. degree. He also holds degrees from the Yale School of Management and Amherst College.

## **Jason Beale**

### **Co-owner**

#### **Wright Energy Partners**

Jason Beale is co-owner of Wright Energy Partners. Wright Energy Partners is an energy efficiency company that serves as GC for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family energy efficiency projects like LED, HVAC, Boiler, controls, Building Envelope/Insulation, Roofing, Solar and EV Charging. Jason and his partners humbly started Wright Energy Partners in a garage in 2015 and have grown it to a multi-million-dollar company. The company was listed in 2019 on INC. Magazine's "5000 Fastest Growing Companies" (#931) and again listed in 2020 (#1,210) with over 370% annual growth. Wright Energy has built its value on being able to structure energy efficiency projects that make good business sense and have a strong ROI.



Jason has a background in commercial finance along with a bachelor's degree from Walsh College in finance & business. Jason is also an instructor at the U of M Center for Entrepreneurship and an adjunct instructor for the National Science Foundation's national I-Corp program.

Jason is a devoted husband and father of three and when time allows it loves to get out to the golf course for a round of 18.

## **Rob Boomershine**

**Vice President of Lending  
LAFCU**

Rob Boomershine is the Vice President of Lending at LAFCU credit union. He has 17 years of experience in the financial services industry working for credit unions in various lending supervision roles. Rob has been observed as a member-first credit union leader. His commitment to the credit union philosophy of 'People Helping People' and his extensive lending experience have continually met the evolving needs of the credit union's membership. In his position, Boomershine is responsible for managing LAFCU's lending products that include Clean Energy loans, mortgage and consumer loans as well as new product offerings. In his credit union experience, Boomershine has seen thousands of members helped by the products and services offered by the credit union. This is what motivates him every day. The Michigan native earned the designation of Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE) from the Credit Union National Association (CUNA). He is certified and trained as an Accredited Mortgage Professional (AMP) and holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids.



## **Eli Lieberman**

**Clean Energy Financing Director  
Michigan Saves**

Eli Lieberman currently serves as the Director of Clean Energy Financing for Michigan Saves, the nation's first nonprofit green bank. In this role, he manages the adoption, design, and implementation of new financing products and works to build partnerships with local, regional, and national financial institutions to identify and fill market gaps. Prior to joining Michigan Saves, Eli worked in several roles for the State of Washington in climate policy and clean energy finance. He holds a Certificate in Financing and Deploying Clean Energy from Yale University, a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from the University of Colorado, Boulder. In 2021 his work in partnership with Seattle City Light won the Green Power Leadership Award from the Center for Resource Solutions.



## **Missy Stults**

**Sustainability and Innovations Director  
City of Ann Arbor, MI**

Dr. Missy Stults is the Sustainability and Innovations Director for the City of Ann Arbor. In this role, she works with all city operations, residents, businesses, the University of Michigan, nonprofits, and others to achieve a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030, as outlined in the A2ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan. Prior to joining the City, Missy worked with cities and tribal communities around the nation to advance their climate and sustainability goals, including during her time as the Climate Director at ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and as a consultant to philanthropic organizations. Missy has a PhD in



urban resilience from the University of Michigan, a Masters in Climate and Society from Columbia University, and undergraduate degrees in Marine Biology and Environmental Science from the University of New England.

## **Michael Deane**

### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund Branch Chief EPA's Office of Water**

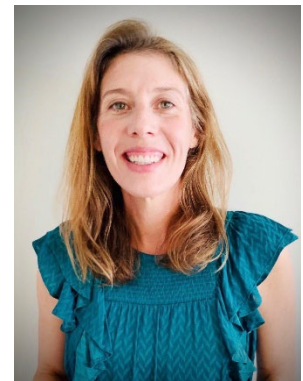
Michael Deane is Chief of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to returning to EPA, he was the Executive Director of the National Association of Water Companies, the organization representing private water utilities and operating companies in the U.S. Before joining NAWC in 2009, he was Associate Assistant Administrator for Water in the EPA where he played a key role in developing and implementing national water policy. Previous to his appointment to EPA in 2006, he served as an executive at several water management companies, including SUEZ and Veolia, where he focused on innovative financing and infrastructure policy. He holds a Master of Environmental Management degree from the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment and his bachelor's degree in biology and geography from Gustavus Adolphus College.



## **Sharon Nappier**

### **National Program Leader for Water Reuse EPA's Office of Water**

Dr. Sharon Nappier is the National Program Leader for Water Reuse in the Office of Water at the US EPA. She specializes in environmental health microbiology and quantitative microbial risk assessment. Her program is currently leading the implementation of the National Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP), a collaborative of 140+ partner organizations working to advance appropriate water reuse practices in the United States and internationally. Sharon holds a BS degree in Biology and Environmental Science from The George Washington University; a MSPH degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Environmental Sciences and Engineering; and a PhD from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Environmental Health Engineering.



## **Justin Mattingly**

### **Water Reuse Program EPA's Office of Water**

Justin Mattingly is with the Water Reuse Program in the Office of Water at the United States Environmental Protection Agency working on coordinating water reuse activity across EPA and the implementation of the National Water Reuse Action Plan. Justin has over 10 years of experience working in the water sector on a variety of issues in water reuse including treatment and monitoring systems for potable reuse, risk assessment, and policy and regulatory development for different water reuse applications including aquifer recharge. Justin has a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Delaware and a master's in Environmental Science from American University.



## **David Haugen**

### **Testing and Advanced Technology Division EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory**

Dr. David Haugen is the Director of the Testing and Advanced Technology Division (TATD) within the U.S. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality at the National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Testing and Advanced Technology Division team provides the science that ensures EPA's transportation policies are founded on sound data, and provides compliance test data that ensures OTAQ's environmental standards are met in a fair and equitable manner.



David joined EPA in 2001 as a Group Manager, supervising research engineers that were investigating high fuel efficiency automotive engines, clean combustion technologies for diesel and alternative fueled engines, and the potential of advanced hybrid vehicle technologies.

Prior to his joining the U.S. EPA, David was a Program Manager for John Deere Power Systems Group in Waterloo, Iowa, and worked briefly at Ford Motor Company's Science Research Laboratory in Dearborn, Michigan.

David studied and worked at the University of Minnesota where he earned degrees culminating in a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to his graduate studies at Minnesota, he was a service manager at an automotive service\repair business in Minneapolis and held a Master Automotive Technician (ASE) certification.

His life-long interest in automobiles and engines is reflected in his passion for reducing their impact on the environment and improving their efficiency.