

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Appointment Recommendations

Board	Members	Appointment Term
Accessibility Advisory Committee	<p><u>Appointments (5)</u></p> <p>Susan Amer Carleen Brenneis Jaime Caza Patricia Kocon Nadeem Sunderji</p>	<p>Commencing upon appointment to:</p> <p>April 30, 2021 April 30, 2021 April 30, 2021 April 30, 2021 April 30, 2021</p>

Below are brief public bios as provided by new Appointees:

Susan Amer	Accessibility Advisory Committee
<p>Susan graduated from the University of Alberta Bachelor of Physical Education program in 2014 and has worked as an Accessibility Advisor at the University of Alberta, Accessibility Resources for the last 6 years. In her role as an Accessibility Advisor, Susan enacts the Duty to Accommodate in support of students experiencing accessibility related challenges. She has consulted, problem solved and collaborated with members of the campus community and external organizations to facilitate the accommodation process to enable equal access to educational opportunities, and increase knowledge and awareness of accessibility related challenges faced by those experiencing disability.</p> <p>She has participated in local, provincial, and national organizations, and has increasingly focused her voluntary and professional contributions in the accessibility field in recent years, including memberships with the Post Secondary Accessibility and Disability Resource Association and the Accessibility and Inclusion Community of Practice with the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services. She has a strong passion for education inclusion and endeavours to give back to the greater Edmonton community as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.</p>	

Carleen Brenneis	Accessibility Advisory Committee
<p>Carleen is a lifelong Edmontonian, who enjoys living and working in this Northern city. A Registered Nurse, with a background in transitions, seniors and palliative care, Carleen is focused on community care. She has a Master’s degree in Health Services Administration and her interests are in compassionate communities and knowledge translation. Being involved in education, research and policy, Carleen is able to assist in interpreting results and applying them to improve communication and care.</p> <p>Carleen is also a board member of the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council which works with senior service agencies and other stakeholders in the seniors sector to build an Age Friendly Edmonton. Carleen is aware of issues and successes related to accessibility through her work in transitions of care, caregiver support and family and friends.</p>	

Jaime Caza	Accessibility Advisory Committee
<p>Jaime Caza is the Director, Philanthropy & Communications at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation. Jaime is passionate about advocacy and serving the community. After ten years working in the corporate sector, Jaime transitioned to non-profit when her son became ill, and her family experienced raising a child with a severe medical disability. With ten years of experience in non-profit including senior leadership roles at Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Edmonton Humane Society, Jaime brings an in-depth knowledge of building partnerships, developing programs and community engagement.</p> <p>As a person with severe hearing loss herself, Jaime understands the importance of inclusion intimately. It is her personal experience as both a mother to a child with disabilities and her own hearing impairment that has defined her work in the charitable sector. Jaime’s role at the Glenrose Foundation has provided her with tremendous opportunities to see first-hand how innovation is advancing rehabilitative medicine and helping patients to reimagine their futures after serious injury or illness.</p>	

Patricia Kocon	Accessibility Advisory Committee
<p>Patricia is an Occupational Therapist working with children with complex needs in a community setting. Her experience in working with these diverse children and their families has highlighted the struggles they face in attaining accessibility in their homes and in the community, and has given Patricia a drive to advocate and effect changes at a deeper, community level, and to bring the needs and viewpoints of those facing challenges to those in a position to make changes. A university course on Universal Design was an inspirational turning point, leading Patricia into the world of barrier free design and a passion for the principles of aging-in-place.</p> <p>Patricia has extensive community volunteer involvement, serving on the boards of various minor sports organizations and school councils, and currently volunteers for the Society of Alberta Occupational Therapists and the Alberta Diabetes Foundation. She looks forward to bringing her skills and experience to this committee of diverse, passionate and community-focused team members, advocating for inclusion and accessibility.</p>	

Nadeem Sunderji	Accessibility Advisory Committee
<p>Nadeem arrived on the Canadian stage at the age of 2 from Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa; taking residence and making a home in Toronto, Ontario, with his family. Nadeem studied, worked and created a name for himself as an analyst and project manager in the Canadian Telecommunications Industry until 2005. He then decided to take a role as a consultant, on the ground with an AKDN sister company in Asia. During this time Nadeem came back to Toronto to have his first and only daughter, and he and his family moved to Edmonton in 2010.</p> <p>In February 2014, Nadeem was struck with a sudden and undiagnosed brain aneurysm causing a stroke and leaving Nadeem with paralysis on the left side. However, after a lot of hard work in full time rehabilitation for over a year and a half, Nadeem was able to leave his wheelchair and was able to ambulate using what was left of his own feet, talk and be partially mobile to follow his dream to help others follow their dreams.</p> <p>At this point Nadeem uses his Challenge Leadership skills In governance, continuous improvement and operational effectiveness in various Not for profit Boards in Canada to continue his work as a challenge driven leader to help resolve & eradicate challenges creatively by choreographing work using professional skills.</p>	

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Although his current residence is in Edmonton, his personal and professional experiences have made Nadeem a unique empathetic international citizen and a humbled individual who brings a unique, well-rounded perspective to the table based on real and well thought out data analytics, using quantitative and qualitative data to help enhance productivity and business gain. In essence, Nadeem uses research, and real data to ensure the situation becomes better for all involved based on 25 years of diverse international Telecommunications Information Systems experience with senior management on four continents and a simple passion to make things better for everyone.

Today, based on diverse and very personal experiences, with Nadeem's passion and unique skills and talents, his mission is now to: "impart help, happiness, humanity and hope to the vulnerable sectors where it is needed most, in a timely fashion." Nadeem's vision is now, "a vulnerable sector with hope and happiness."