

Kathryn N. Byler

Kathryn Byler is a lifelong resident of Virginia Beach. She practices law

with Pender & Coward, PC focusing on Real Estate, Trusts & Estates, Small Businesses, and Guardianships/ Conservatorships. In addition to practicing law, Kathryn is principal broker of Tidewater Investment Company, Inc. t/a Byler Realty.

Her past and current community involvement include leadership positions with the American Cancer Society, Norfolk State University Business & Economic Development Advisory Board, Virginia Beach Forum, VA Aviation Foundation, American Lung Association, Election Protection- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Norfolk Forum, King's Grant Baptist Church, VA State Bar, and the Virginia Beach Bar Association.

Kathryn holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Old Dominion University, an MBA from Golden Gate University, and a Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law, where she is an adjunct professor. Kathryn was named the Regent Law School "Alumnus of the Year" in 2010.

Kathryn is the mother of four adults and a proud grandmother. If elected, Kathryn is eager to be a part of BayPort's growth into Virginia Beach and southside Hampton Roads.



Ray C. Bagley, Incumbent

Incumbent, up for re-election, Ray Bagley retired in 2018 as

Vice President of Trades Operations for Newport News Shipbuilding after nearly 44 years of service. During Ray's career, he was an Apprentice School Graduate and named to the vice president position in 2014. He was responsible for production labor resources and processes, plant engineering and maintenance, water-front support services, training, instructional design, and The Apprentice School.

Ray has been a member of BayPort Credit Union for more than 48 years. He currently serves as Vice President and Vice Chairman of BayPort Foundation and is on the Budget, Salary & Benefits, and Strategic Planning committees. He is active in his community and is the Pastor of Faith Ministry Outreach. He also serves on the board of Achievable Dream and is a member of Hampton Ministers Police Academy Alumni and Faith Walk Wythe.

Ray and his wife Marion live in Chesapeake and are the proud parents of four children, seven grandchildren, and three great- grandchildren.



LeMeshia M. Steele, Incumbent

Incumbent, up for reelection, LeMeshia M. Steele, a Hampton Roads

native, is currently employed as a Senior Financial Controls Analyst at Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. Prior to being employed at Ferguson, LeMeshia was employed as a Financial Analyst at Newport News Shipbuilding where she also interned for two summers while obtaining her undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University. LeMeshia has been a member of BayPort for more than 20 years, with her parents opening her first savings account at a very young age. Financial literacy has been an important factor in LeMeshia's life, and she believes that people of any age should be educated on the importance of sound financial habits.

With a background in accounting and finance information systems, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in financial reporting and budgeting as well as strength in learning and adapting to new technologies. In her inaugural term as a BayPort Board Member, she has served on various committees, participated in numerous Board events, and served as the chair of the Technology Committee for 2021. LeMeshia prides herself in being able to bridge the generational gap and bring a millennial perspective. In the community, LeMeshia enjoys volunteering and is a member of Ivy Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She and her husband Danny enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, and outdoor activities.



Thomasina R. Wright, *Incumbent* 

Incumbent, up for re-election, an Apprentice School

graduate, Thomasina Russell Wright has a Master of Business Administration from The College of William and Mary, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Old Dominion University.

Thomasina began her career with Newport News Shipbuilding in 1983, and worked in various departments until 1992. She worked for Tenneco, Inc. as a state and federal lobbyist and returned to the shipyard in 1994. She has held several director level positions in Sheet Metal, Subcontract Management, and Fleet Support. She is currently the Program Director responsible for the refueling and overhaul of the USS John C. Stennis Aircraft Carrier.

Thomasina serves as Chairperson of the Technology. She also is active on Strategic Planning and Budget, Salary and Benefits committees. She also serves on the Board of Managers of BayPort Insurance.

Thomasina is a native of Portsmouth and very active in the community, where she lives with her husband and their four daughters.



Mary L. Cullen, Incumbent

Incumbent, up for re-election, Mary Cullen is currently

the Vice President of the Nuclear Propulsion Division at Newport News Shipbuilding. She has a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management. She is responsible for all Nuclear Engineering and Production Refueling work at Newport News Shipbuilding. Mary has worked at Newport News Shipbuilding for more than 30 years.

Additionally, Mary volunteers in her church, Good Shepherd, in Smithfield and continues to support the Smithfield Athletic Booster Club. Throughout the years, Mary has also served on the boards of Girls Inc., Peninsula READS, and Trinity Lutheran School. Mary has been a part of the BayPort Board of Directors team for nine years. Currently, she serves on the BayPort Foundation Board, as well as the Policy, Budget, Salary & Benefits committees.

Mary lives in Smithfield with her husband, David, and two children, Ian and Meredith.