**Board of Director Nominees for 2025-2027 Term**

***Note: Per the bylaws, the Board of NAMI Greater Houston includes 17 members, of whom half are elected each year to serve two-year terms.***

The Nominating Committee met on August 28, 2024. The following are the nominations for the NAMI Greater Houston Board of Directors for 2025-2027:

**Board of Director Officers**

# President - Charlezetta McMurray-Horton, RN-BC, NEA-BC, MSN (Third Term)

## Charlie McMurray-Horton is the Administrative Director Nursing Strategic Initiatives at Harris Health System and the parent of a daughter with high-functioning autism spectrum disorder. She has served as a psychiatric nurse in acute care, emergency, home health, outpatient, residential, and academic settings and has worked with patients across the life span. Charlie holds ANCC Nurse Executive Advanced and Psychiatric Mental Health nursing certifications. She has previously served as Treasurer of the Board and worked to improve the transparency and accountability necessary for a not-for-profit organization.

## Vice President: Leslie Buck (Fourth Term)

Leslie Buck is the parent of an adult diagnosed with mental illness and has been active in revitalizing NAMI’s presence in Montgomery, Walker and Liberty County as well as the Greater Houston area. Her experiences as a parent as well as the life journey of her sister inspires her to share the NAMI story with others going through similar issues. Leslie and her husband, Bill, have served as Co-Captains of the highest fundraising team over the past four (4) NAMI Greater Houston Walks. on NAMI Greater Houston’s Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and has previous experience in non-profit fundraising and development. She has been a major driver of the highest fundraising NAMI Walks Team for the past 3 Walk seasons.

**Secretary – La Donna Finnels (First Term)**

Founder & CEO La Donna Finnels Enterprises | Energy Industry Support International La Donna Finnels-Neal is a Solutions Expert and entrepreneur. She creates opportunities for career, personal and business development using innovative processes, connections, training, and events through her company La Donna Finnels Enterprises. She has over 25 years’ experience in business and in the oil, gas, and energy industries primarily in Fortune 10 corporations**.**

**Treasurer - Ted Isensee (Third Term) and Finance Committee Chair**

Ted Isensee (First Term 2021-2023) Ted is a Certified Public Accountant by trade is the founder of the Isensee Foundation for Safe Police Response. He is an active supporter of the Crisis Intervention Team training for officers in both Harris and Fort Bend counties. He is also an active member of the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. He provides additional monetary awards for each Officer of the Quarter selected by the Harris County Sheriff’s Office, the Houston Police Department and the Fort Bend Sheriff’s Office.

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**Glenda Demas (Third Term)**

Glenda Demas, a native Houstonian, is a LPC specializing in Behavioral Health. She has been working in the helping profession for a little over 12 years with experience in education and crisis intervention.  In 2013, she founded Pearls of Change Education & Consulting Services LLC, an organization established to advocate for mental health especially among minorities, children, and adolescents.  Glenda works with children that are in Foster Care between the ages of 4-16.  In addition, to working in private practice at Pearls of Change Wellness, LLC, she holds a contract with KISD as an At-Risk High School Counselor.  Glenda is also a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional specializing in PTSD, ART Therapy, Conflict Resolution, Crisis Intervention, Behavioral Health, and Anger-Management.

## Director: Lori Durland (Third Term)

Lori Durland as a member of NAMI Greater Houston has been actively involved in supporting the fund-raising activities of the organization and responding to calls for information and assistance from families in the Montgomery, Walker and Liberty county areas. She has provided strategic consultation and many volunteer hours affecting hundreds of families and professionals bringing the importance of support and knowledge regarding mental illnesses. She and her husband have graciously shared their family story for the benefit of researchers with Baylor College of Medicine even at their own professional peril.

**Director: Kimberly T. King (Second Term)**

Ms. King is a Result-Driven and Forward-Thinking Diversity Strategist focused on achieving results in highly competitive environments that demand continuous process improvements during times of ambiguity and transition. Key areas of contribution include developing and executing Diversity, Equity& Inclusion (DE&I) programs and recruiting strategies that are future-fit and aligned with business goals. Leading cross-functional teams and gaining buy-in from business leaders to ensure adoption of inclusive practices resulting in high performing teams and excellent work environments. Persuasive and versatile communicator with an open and accessible management style. Able to influence thinking with the aim of building resourceful networks, use data analytics to drive continuous improvement, and align resources to enhance productivity. Poised and professional, with the ability to act as a change agent leading DE&I transformation.