

New York City Neighborhood Capital Corporation

Director Biographies

Rachel Loeb is President and CEO of New York City Economic Development Corporation, where she oversees NYCEDC's portfolio of projects focused on life sciences, land use, investments in infrastructure, and innovation. Prior to her appointment as President in 2021, Rachel served as Acting President, and Chief Operating Officer since 2018, overseeing and directing NYCEDC's strategic priorities for real estate, asset management, and neighborhood planning. Prior to joining NYCEDC, Rachel was a senior executive member of World Wide Group, and a Senior Director of Development for AvalonBay. Rachel is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she earned a master's in city planning.

James Katz is an Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff at NYCEDC, where he oversees NYCEDC's Strategic Investments Group, as well as its Government and Community Relations, Public Affairs, and Marketing departments. He is also chiefly responsible for day-to-day management of the President's Office. James has served since the beginning of last year as NYCEDC's Director of Policy and Planning, helping to manage NYCEDC's transition to the de Blasio administration. Before this, he was a Senior Advisor and Special Counsel to New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, where he worked on enforcement and legislative matters related to nonprofit governance and public integrity. James holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.

Elizabeth Verostek is Executive Vice President and Deputy Chief Financial Officer at NYCEDC. She oversees the Funding Agreements, Compliance, and Corporate Services departments. She also manages special projects for the CFO Division. Elizabeth joined NYCEDC in 2012 as the Budget Director. She led the City and grant components of NYCEDC's budget; the Financial, Planning, and Analysis Team; and Funding Agreements. Prior to joining NYCEDC, Elizabeth worked for the NYC Office of Management and Budget and the NYC Department of Education. Her career started in Amman, Jordan, working with refugees with the UNHCR. She earned a BA and BS from the College of Charleston, a language certificate from the University of Jordan, and her master's at the George Washington University.

Susan Goldfinger is a Governing Board member and member of the Investment Committee for NYCNCC. She is a Senior Vice President in NYCEDC's Real Estate Transactions group where she is a Portfolio Manager and Director of Affordable Housing. In this role she supervises the pool of Associates, leads affordable housing transactions and is responsible for the department's pipeline of projects. Susan has 30+ years of economic development experience at NYCEDC, including having worked on waterfront, industrial, residential, not for profit and commercial projects. She is a graduate of Cornell University and Pratt Institute and a longtime Brooklyn resident.

Gbenga Dawodu is a Senior Vice President in the Real Estate Transaction Services Group at NYCEDC, where he is responsible for managing public-private development projects by effectively leveraging the use of City assets to promote economic and social growth. Prior to joining NYCEDC, Gbenga has worked for for-profit, non-profit and public sector institutions developing real estate in New York City. He holds a B.A. in political affairs from Wesleyan University and a M.Sc. in development from the London School of Economics.

Melanie McMann is a Senior Vice President at the New York City Economic Development Corporation. For the past six years, she has managed funding agreements with nonprofit and for-profit partners to create and improve capital assets with a public benefit. Prior to joining EDC, Melanie attended the NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study.