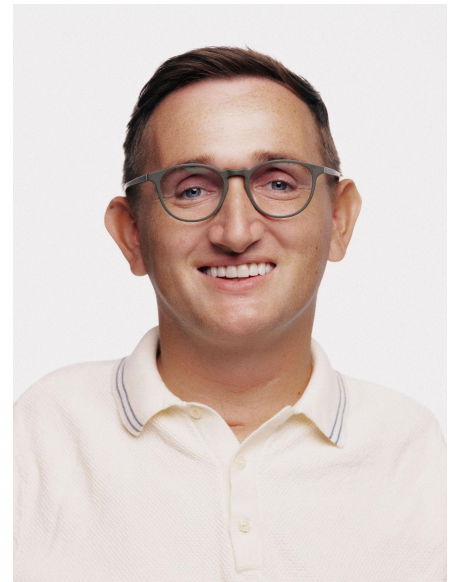


FY 2028 CBAC Bios

Kenneth Connin, District 1

(on leave through December)

Kenneth Connin is a graduate student pursuing a Master's degree in Public Policy with an emphasis in criminal justice. He is passionate about giving back and dedicating his time to making a positive difference in his community. Kenneth values opportunities to connect with others, learn from different perspectives, and contribute to meaningful change. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with his family.



MyKel Johnson, District 1

MyKel is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe with Yakama and Umatilla descendance. She is a dedicated advocate for tribal sovereignty, economic justice, and self-determination. Her work with the Northwest Native Chamber and tribal communities across Oregon focuses on advancing equity, strengthening systems, and supporting community-led solutions. With experience in policy, business development, and family services, MyKel brings a culturally grounded and solutions-focused approach to justice and community well-being. She is deeply committed to uplifting youth and families and driving lasting change that empowers communities to thrive.

Mitch Collier, District 2

Mitch is a native of the Pacific Northwest, living in Oregon most of his life with deep ties to the Portland community. As a technology leader, Mitch has focused on supporting health professionals and consumers with evidence-based resources and programs to improve health outcomes, particularly with Medicare and Medicaid members. Mitch and his wife have been regular volunteers at Sabin Elementary and Grant High School. Mitch is an avid supporter of the performing arts community of theater, dance, and music as well as a regular customer of Portland's many incredible independent bookstores.



Rob Farris, District 2

Rob works in the public defense space and has a passion for justice and equity. He has an extensive history of community volunteerism and public service featuring: teaching in the Peace Corps, mentoring in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and creating a Dungeons & Dragons program at Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention where he facilitates and plays with youth promoting prosocial behaviors and building community. His background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Astrophysics, a Masters in Business Administration, and many years of working alongside executives in the

corporate sector. Rob was born in Roseburg and lives in NE Portland with his wonderful wife and their dog.

Terrance Moses, District 2

Terrance is a husband, father and community activist. He is a veteran of the our armed forces (USN & US Army), Terrance's caring , compassion, and pragmatism most recently has focused on building bridges between the Housed and Un-Housed in North and Noth-east Portland. He has served as the on call volunteer for Kenton women's village since 2017. Some of his other work includes; Chair of the Kenton Neighborhood association (KNA), member of the PPB Crisis Responders Team (CRT), DCJ BAC team. His giving spirit and calm demeanor has helped him be able to de-escalate tense situations. He is notably known as the Mayor of Kenton.

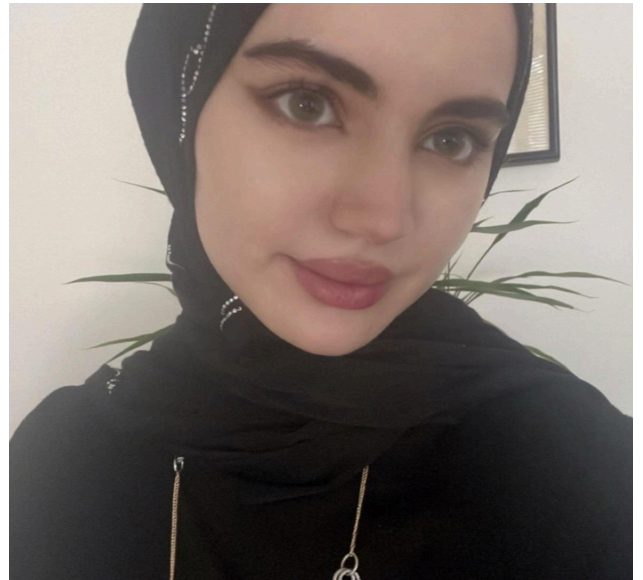
Maureen Ray, District 2

Maureen Ray Ed.D is a semi-retired educator, formerly a middle and high school ESOL teacher. Currently, she works part time for PSU as a university supervisor coaching student teachers. She is also on the ORTESOL board (which supports ESOL teachers) and is the editor of ORTESOL Journal. She loves making pottery, daily walks, yoga, and supporting justice for all of us.



Aya Ben-Khalifa, District 3

Aya recently completed her first year as an early college student at Portland Community College while finishing high school. She is passionate about civic engagement and community service and a dedicated advocate for her community. She serves on the Multnomah County Library Teen Council, are the President of their high school's National Honor Society chapter, and are a Student Councilor with the Associated Students of Portland Community College. She is looking forward to serving on the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice's Community Budget Advisory Committee and making a difference to support our community.



James Hilton, District 3

James is an IT professional with a strong passion for problem solving and connecting with others. He is known for quickly being able to learn and understand new concepts, quickly becoming an expert. A relative newcomer to Multnomah County, having moved here in July, 2024, he enjoys connecting with and uplifting those in his new community. James lives in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood of Portland with his wife, two sons, and two cats.

Areny Palomera, External

I am the daughter of two hardworking immigrant parents whose sacrifices taught me perseverance, humility, and determination. I earned my bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology and work as a Care Coordinator, supporting individuals by connecting them with resources and advocating for their needs. My experiences have shaped my passion for serving vulnerable populations, addressing barriers to opportunity, and promoting equity and accountability. I am committed to building meaningful connections and contributing to safer, healthier communities.

