



2022-2023 LWVMT Nominating Committee Report

2022-2023 Nominating Committee Members:

Chair:	Shagah Zakerion
Off-Board Member:	Caitlyn Wright
Off-Board Member:	Mary Jane Lindaman
Board Appointee:	Tommy Yap
Board Appointee:	Andrea Pemberton

Slate of Nominees

Board of Trustees

Elected Term 7/1/23 – 6/30/25

President	Jenni Gray (2023-2024) - <i>completing initial term</i>
Vice President	<i>Andrea Pemberton (2022-2024)</i>
Secretary	Wendy Thomas (2023-2025)
Treasurer	<i>Karin Lackey (2022-2024)</i>
Trustee 1	<i>Katherine Bracy (2022-2024)</i>
Trustee 2	<i>Emily Gamel (2022-2024)</i>
Trustee 3	<i>Tommy Yap (2022-2024)</i>
Trustee 4	<i>Kassie McClung (2022-2024)</i>
Trustee 5	<i>Dr. Corinice Wilson (2022-2024)</i>
Trustee 6	Lynn Staggs (2023-2025)
Trustee 7	Elsa Velasco Paul (2023-2025)
Trustee 8	Matthew Fransein (2023-2025)
Trustee 9	Nate Morris (2023-2025)
Trustee 10	Tim Landes (2023-2025)

2023-2024 Nominating Committee

Chair	Tania Garza
Off-Board Member	Mary Jane Lindaman
Off-Board Member	Maggie Romine

New Board Member Bios:

Wendy Thomas Nominated by Shagah Zakerion

Wendy Thomas has served Leadership Tulsa as its Executive Director for twenty years before announcing her retirement this June. She was formerly Tulsa's Executive Director of the Arts & Humanities Council. She graduated from the University of Tulsa with a master's degree in arts administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Wendy has an extensive resume serving on local nonprofit boards and has been an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa, teaching nonprofit administration in the arts management program. She is a frequent consultant to area non-profits for board development and strategic planning and lectures frequently about Generations in the Workplace.

Elsa Velasco Paul Self Nominated; also Nominated by Tania Garza

As a Latino Venezuelan political refugee woman, Elsa is no stranger to the effects of dissonance and is passionate about finding common spaces and allowing people, especially women, to voice their opinion wherever they may find themselves. Having experienced firsthand the challenges refugees and marginalized communities face, she deeply understands the struggles and concerns of underrepresented populations. This empathy enables her to connect with individuals from diverse backgrounds, fostering an inclusive environment where every voice is heard and valued. As an attorney, her analytical mindset, and problem-solving skills, essential for effective decision-making, are ideal in a Board of Trustee position. And put my vision and passion necessary to support positive change and advance the mission of the League of Women Voters.

Matthew Fransein Nominated by Shagah Zakerion

Raised by a single mother and retired judge, Matthew's first exposure to the political process was during her 2002 election as District Judge. Twenty years later, she supported his efforts in the District 4 Council elections 2022. Although he ultimately lost that race, it ignited an interest in service in Matthew. He is actively involved with TAUW panel 9c for annual partner agency reviews and presides on statewide boards involving active legislative discussions and drafts with state legislators. His problem-identification and solutions-oriented mindset, relationship-building, and connections for opportunities are skills that make him ideal for the League's board. He comes from a background in nonprofit support, working in development and fundraising. He is currently pursuing his master's in organizational dynamics and data analysis.

Nathaniel Morris Nominated by Andrea Pemberton

Nate moved to Tulsa in 2015 as a Teach For America corps member and spent three years teaching some of the most incredible students in our city at Tulsa MET and Hale High Schools before transitioning to a role as the Dean of Students at Hale for two years. He also served Tulsa Public Schools district office and leading community engagement and outreach with the Met Cares Foundation. Currently, he works with a national organization focusing on advancing policies that will help mitigate the effects of climate change while sustaining reliable energy sources and expanding economic opportunity. All this work has required him to rely on his ability to think critically, communicate effectively, executive efficiently, and bring people together to drive toward solutions for some of the most significant problems we face. His experienced have helped shape exceptional skills in collaboration, communication, program and project management, budgeting oversight, community engagement and relationship building.

Tim Landes Nominated by Andrea Pemberton

Time is an award-winning journalist and photographer and currently serves as the features editor for TulsaPeople Magazine. He is a board member and moderator for Tulsa Press Club and moderator for

