

Growing Chicago's Clean Energy Economy

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Bill Abolt

Director, Shaw Environmental

Mr. Abolt leads Shaw's Sustainability, Energy & Carbon Management National Practice. He is also responsible for the management of the Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure (E&I) Illinois and Wisconsin Offices. Prior to joining Shaw, he served as Environment Commissioner, Director of the Office of Budget and Management and Chief of Management, Office of the Mayor, for the City of Chicago, where he was responsible for developing Chicago's strategy to become one of the greenest cities in the United States. Shaw E&I is a part of the Shaw Group, a Fortune 500 company.

Mr. Abolt has 25 years of experience managing complex environmental, energy and public issues including energy planning and sustainability program design, multi-stakeholder budget processes; sustainable Brownfield redevelopment; green infrastructure planning and analysis and multi-disciplinary investigations of environmental impacts.

As a part of his responsibilities at Shaw, he manages and directs specific consulting projects for corporate and public clients including but not limited to assignments involving renewable energy and energy efficiency and sustainable design. Currently, Mr. Abolt serves as the project director and senior technical expert for multiple city and state energy programs funded under ARRA, the federal economic stimulus program. All programs require the rapid development and deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy strategies.

Rita R. Athas

President, World Business Chicago

Rita Athas is the president of World Business Chicago (WBC). WBC is a public-private partnership formed by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1999 to serve as a business advocate to bring and retain business in Chicago. As president, Ms. Athas oversees day-to-day operations of the organization, and with the input of WBC private-sector Board, develops its strategic direction. Ms. Athas came to the economic development corporation in 2007 after serving as Mayor Daley's Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs for 10 years. In that capacity she served as the Mayor's liaison to regional mayors, the US Conference of Mayors, the business community and foundations. Ms. Athas has helped spearhead the formation of the Great Lakes Cities Initiative, support for the Modernization of O'Hare Airport, and the development of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

The Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus, formed at the invitation of Mayor Daley to the regions 272 Mayors, serves as one of the prime examples in the nation of city/suburban cooperation. The caucus has addressed such diverse issues as gun control, education reform and tax policy. Ms. Athas has a long history with local government. She served in various positions with a number of suburban municipalities. Prior to joining Mayor Daley's staff, she served as the Executive Director of the

Northwest Municipal Conference, a consortium of 40 municipalities representing a population of over 1 million in Northwest Illinois which is widely recognized as one of the most innovative regional councils in the country.

Ms. Athas was recognized by Crain's Chicago Business, as one of the 100 most influential women in Illinois. She is a 1988-89 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow. She has been appointed by the Illinois Governor to serve as a Great Lakes Commissioner. Ms. Athas serves as Vice President of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). She is an Executive Council Member of Chicago Metropolitan 2020. She is a member of the Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee and serves on the International Advisory Committee.

Andrew Barbeau

Managing Director and co-founder, IIT Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation

Andrew Barbeau is the Managing Director and co-founder of Illinois Institute of Technology's Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation. He is responsible for overseeing the Center's \$40 million in projects related to smart grid, renewable energy, and energy efficiency. The Galvin Center's projects include: Building the world's first Perfect Power microgrid (a smart electric grid that will not fail) on its main campus in Chicago; IIT Smart Grid Education and Workforce Training Center to educate and train 49,000 people on smart grid; IIT Wind Energy Consortium working to improve the reliability and performance of wind power, ultimately lowering its cost and adoption; the Illinois Distributed Solar Power Business Development Initiative working to build the nation's largest distributed roof-top solar power project, creating Illinois manufacturing jobs and demonstrating viable distribute solar technology; the IIT-Korea Smart Grid Collaboration, which is working to expand Korean smart grid research, technology and business development in Illinois; and the Illinois Smart Grid Regional Innovation Cluster, funded by the SBA, working to stimulate smart grid business growth in the Chicago region. Mr. Barbeau serves as a thought leader on smart grid topics, and gives regular presentations on the market opportunity for smart grid technology and the role of Chicago as a hub for smart grid technology and business development.

Ted Brandt

Principal & CEO, Marathon Capital

Ted Brandt co-founded Marathon Capital in 1999, and serves as its Principal - Chief Executive Officer. Marathon is a Chicago based investment banking boutique focused on the Energy and Infrastructure market sectors. The firm is active in the power generation segment and, in particular, it's various renewable power segments. Marathon provides M&A, capital raising and project financing services as well as fairness opinions and valuation analysis of assets and companies. Marathon is among the most active North American renewable energy banks. The firm has been involved in many transforming transactions within the sector.

Prior to Marathon, Mr. Brandt held various senior management positions within large non-bank finance and leasing companies including; GE Capital, Dana Commercial Credit and Transamerica. During this 15-year period Mr. Brandt had start-up responsibility for leasing units, hands-on turnaround assignments and the opportunity to create and execute a variety of manufacturer vendor

programs. Mr. Brandt also actively worked on the buying and selling of specialty commercial finance units.

Mr. Brandt's transition from commercial finance to energy investment banking was based on his fascination with energy, especially renewable energy. He viewed the sector as a prime opportunity for long-term growth. At Marathon, Brandt spends most of his time delivering Marathon's senior level commitments to clients and their Boards. The firm operates with 16 professionals and offices in Chicago (Bannockburn), New York City and San Francisco. Among Marathon's noteworthy transactions are the restructuring and ultimate sale of Middlesex Generation to General Electric (landfill gas to electric); Steamboat II/III to Ormat Technologies (Geothermal); the sale of Greenlight Energy to BP, plc (Wind); AMP Resources to Enel (Geothermal); CPV Wind to Iberdrola (Wind); SkyPower Corp. to Lehman Brothers (Wind and Solar); the sale of the Three gigawatt Tehachapi wind project to TerraGen; and Babcock & Brown's sale of 285MWs of operating wind projects to Next Era. Mr. Brandt received a BA in Economics from Oberlin College and a MBA from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago.

Steve Daniels
Senior Reporter, Crain's Chicago Business

Steve Daniels covers banking, insurance and utilities as a senior reporter for Crain's Chicago Business. He has covered electric and natural gas rates and competitive energy markets in Illinois for Crain's since 1999.

Peter Duprey
President and CEO, Broadwind Energy

Peter C. Duprey is President and Chief Executive Officer of Broadwind Energy. Mr. Duprey is leading Broadwind's efforts to realize its strategic vision to be the preferred provider of integrated solutions for global energy and infrastructure customers.

Prior to joining Broadwind in 2010, Duprey served as President and Chief Executive Officer at Acciona Energy North America Corp. Mr. Duprey led Acciona Energy's dramatic growth in wind development, operations and asset management; turbine manufacturing; and solar development in North America. Prior to this, Mr. Duprey served as general manager of marketing for GE Wind Energy, where he led marketing and new product development. Before joining GE Wind, he led GE Energy's business development efforts in renewable energy, which included the acquisition of Enron Wind. His early career included business development, quality and financial management positions at FitLinxx, GE Capital, Eastman Kodak and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Mr. Duprey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and finance from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York.

Declan Flanagan
CEO, Lincoln Renewable Energy

Declan Flanagan is co-founder and CEO of Lincoln Renewable Energy. Previously Declan served as CEO of E.ON Climate & Renewables North America Inc., a subsidiary of E.ON AG, the world's largest investor owned utility. Declan joined E.ON in 2007 through its acquisition of Airtricity North America where he also served as CEO.

Mr. Flanagan held various senior management positions with Airtricity in Europe before relocating to the United States in 2003 to establish Airtricity North America. In four years from a standing start, Airtricity North America grew to a valuation of \$1.4 billion when sold to E.ON. During Mr. Flanagan's tenure with E.ON, he led the deployment of over \$3 billion in project investment and the company grew its U.S. renewable generation portfolio eightfold, becoming a Top 5 owner of wind power capacity in the US with an operating portfolio of over 1,700 MW. As a Board member of E.ON's global renewables business, Mr. Flanagan also worked on E.ON's investments in solar PV, solar thermal, biomass and offshore wind power.

Mr. Flanagan is active in industry groups and serves as a member of the Board of the American Wind Energy Association. He speaks regularly at industry conferences and has served as Grand Final Judge in the MIT Clean Energy Prize. He is a member of the Board of Velocitel Inc., a portfolio company of the private equity firm Willis Stein & Partners. Mr. Flanagan holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, an M.Sc. from the University of Ulster and a B.Sc. in Environmental Science from the National University of Ireland.

Manny Flores
Director of Banking, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Manuel "Manny" Flores was appointed and confirmed as the Director of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in March, 2011. In his current role, he is responsible for regulating Illinois state chartered commercial banks and mortgage lenders. Prior to this position he was the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, where he advocated for and promoted the expansion of energy efficiency programs and renewable energy projects throughout the state. He also created and co-chaired the electric vehicle policy initiative to help develop a policy and regulatory framework for the electrification of transportation in Illinois. Mr. Flores joined the Commission after having served seven years as an Alderman on the Chicago City Council. He was previously employed as a prosecutor in the Office of Cook County State's Attorney and as an aide to Congressman Luis Gutierrez.

While on the Chicago City Council, Mr. Flores was a champion of sustainability and government transparency, sponsoring several ordinances and initiating programs to develop the region's green economy. He was closely involved with developing the Addison Industrial Corridor Redevelopment Plan to help revitalize an underutilized manufacturing district and to convert it into a clean technology business campus. Mr. Flores also spearheaded the development of the Green Exchange project, a green business community intended to attract more green businesses in the area. He was also involved with the development of Lathrop Homes, a 34-acre mixed-use and public housing

community, which will be adopting LEED-ND Gold certification. A native of El Paso, Texas, Mr. Flores has resided in Chicago since 2000. He graduated from Dominican University and received his law degree from George Washington University. He is married with two children.

Amy Francetic
Executive Director, Clean Energy Trust

Amy Francetic has over 18 years of operational and executive management experience in the high technology sector with specialties in cleantech and information technology. She helped found Clean Energy Trust with Nicholas J. Pritzker and Michael Polsky. Prior to Clean Energy, Ms. Francetic worked as an investment professional for MVC Capital, a publicly-traded private equity firm, in their Chicago office. Before joining MVC, she commercialized R&D as an Entrepreneur-In-Residence for Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California and produced the prestigious wireless product launch event, DEMOMobile, for IDG Publishing with high-tech industry expert Chris Shipley. Ms. Francetic served on the Board of Directors of Glu Mobile, a wireless games publisher, whose founder she advised during fundraising. Earlier in her career Ms. Francetic was Co-Founder and CEO of Zowie Entertainment, a high-tech toy company funded by Vulcan Ventures which spun-out of Interval Research. She sold Zowie to Lego Systems, the Danish toymaker, in 2000. Zowie employed RF sensing tags, a custom ASIC, and software to enable a natural interface for the PC for children. She began her career producing software for Electronic Arts and Hasbro Interactive. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Political Science from Stanford University where she ran Varsity Track.

Susan Hedman
Administrator for EPA's Region 5 Office in Chicago

Susan Hedman was appointed by President Barack Obama to be EPA Region 5 Administrator on Earth Day 2010. She directs EPA's operations in the six-state Great Lakes region, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, as well as 35 federally recognized tribal governments. One of her most important roles is that of Manager of the Great Lakes National Program Office, which oversees restoration and protection of the largest freshwater system in the world. Millions of people depend upon the Great Lakes for drinking water and millions more recreate in and around the Great Lakes. Prior to accepting the President's appointment, Dr. Hedman was environmental counsel and senior assistant attorney general in the Illinois Attorney General's office, where she focused on litigation and legislation relating to environmental protection, energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon capture technology and associated consumer issues.

Dr. Hedman has over 30 years of experience in the environmental protection field. In the early 1980s she was on the faculty of Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin, where she taught courses in environmental policy. She then joined the faculty at the University of Maryland, where she taught environmental policy and law courses, supervised cases in the Environmental Law Clinic, and served as research director for the Center for Global Change. In 1993, she moved to Chicago and began working for the Environmental Law and Policy Center, where she served as lead counsel for citizen groups involved in environmental cases throughout the Midwest. In 2000, she moved to Geneva, Switzerland, where she was in charge of the legal team for the United Nations tribunal that handled

claims for environmental damage from the oil fires in Kuwait and releases of oil in the Persian Gulf, as well as the costs of de-mining and disposal of unexploded ordnance.

Howard Learner

Executive Director, Environmental Law & Policy Center

Howard A. Learner is an experienced attorney serving as the President and Executive Director of the Environmental Law & Policy Center. Mr. Learner is responsible for ELPC's overall strategic leadership, policy direction and financial platform. Before founding ELPC, he was the General Counsel of Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, a public interest law center, specializing in complex civil litigation and policy development. Mr. Learner is an Adjunct Professor at the Northwestern University Law School and the University of Michigan Law School, teaching advanced seminars in environmental and energy law and climate change solutions policy. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from University of Michigan.

Fidel Marquez

Senior Vice President, Customer Operations, ComEd

Fidel Marquez, senior vice president of Customer Operations, is responsible for the overseeing all customer support functions. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Marquez served as vice president of External Affairs and Large Customer Services. In that role, he was responsible for overall leadership and relationship management with the City of Chicago and over 400 municipalities in northern Illinois, as well as community and civic organizations within the ComEd service territory. This included advocating on behalf of ComEd on policy, service, and other issues. Prior to that position, Mr. Marquez served as vice president of Transmission and Substation Operations for ComEd and PECO.

Mr. Marquez also spent more than two years as senior vice president of Electric Transmission & Distribution for the City Public Service in San Antonio, Texas, overseeing the planning, design, construction and maintenance operation of the transmission and distribution systems. Prior to that role, he served as the director of Transmission Operations at ComEd for more than 17 years. He was team lead of the Operations Working Group on the RTO Development Effort and worked on the Unicom/PECO Merger Integration Team for Transmission Management and Transmission & Substation Processes. In addition, he managed the development of the Power Exchange in Illinois in support of Retail Open Access and Energy Market Development and served as executive staff and financial coordinator for Transmission and Distribution.

A licensed professional engineer, Marquez received his master's in Business Administration from Northwestern University. He also received a bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Mr. Marquez is a member of the Board of Trustees for BUILD, Inc; the Illinois Math and Science Academy; the National Museum of Mexican Art; Luna Negra Dance Theater; and Easter Seals of Metropolitan Chicago. He also is on the Alumni Board of the Illinois Institute of Technology. Marquez resides in Chicago with his wife, Victoria, and three children.

Barry Matchett
Co-Legislative Director, Environmental Law & Policy Center

Mr. Matchett is ELPC's Co-Legislative Director and a Policy Advocate working on ELPC's Energy Project to develop renewable energy resources and policies, implement the new clean energy development programs of the Federal Farm Bill, and advocate state-based global warming solutions policies and programs. Mr. Matchett previously worked as Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission. He has also worked on several national and local political campaigns. Mr. Matchett earned an M.P.P from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in Political Science from Grinnell College.

Christopher B. Meister
Executive Director, Illinois Finance Authority

As the Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority, Christopher Meister leads a staff of finance and legal experts that provide hands-on support to help Illinois businesses get the capital they need for growth. Mr. Meister was appointed to head the IFA in July 2009 after two years as the agency's General Counsel and Deputy Director. His focus at IFA has been to develop creative new financing tools to help meet the needs of Illinois businesses seeking to create and retain jobs around the state. A frequent speaker and panelist before business groups, Mr. Meister actively markets IFA programs and services to reach the broadest possible sector of the business community.

Mr. Meister has a record of leadership in strengthening economic development statewide. He served as Legislative Director/Associate General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, where his most notable achievement was drafting and securing passage of legislation for the Illinois Film Tax Credit. His private practice experience focused on municipal law and litigation with the firms Holland & Knight LLP, Clausen Miller PC, and Pavalon & Gifford. Mr. Meister is a Graduate of DePaul University and University of Illinois, College of Law. He and his family live in Oak Park, Illinois.

Jerry Roper
President & CEO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Gerald J. Roper is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, a business organization that serves business members in the six- county Northeastern Illinois region by providing a strong unified voice within government, and by providing a variety of programs, services and information that members need to successfully grow their businesses. Mr. Roper became President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce in 1993 following a nine-year career with the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau. While at the Convention and Tourism Bureau he served as the head of marketing and sales before being elected the Bureau's President and CEO in 1988.

Timothy W. Wright III
Partner, Gonzales Saggio Harlan

Timothy W. Wright III received a dual B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Claremont Men's College and a J.D. from UCLA School of Law. Mr. Wright's legal practice has centered on the areas of transactional law, governmental affairs, and litigation. His transactional experience has included the representation of issuers, underwriters and other credit parties in municipal finance transactions. Mr. Wright has also represented clients in major real estate development and other commercial transactions.

Mr. Wright has been particularly active in a broad range of governmental affairs, including such matters as legislative oversight and analysis, international relations and policy, and community development. He has represented clients before various regulatory agencies involving environmental and energy matters. Among these are the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mr. Wright has litigated cases in the state and federal courts involving a range of commercial matters.

Mr. Wright has served as Special Counsel and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and was the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development for the City of Chicago. Mr. Wright has also served in various capacities in the administrations of Presidents William Clinton, George H. Bush and George W. Bush, as well as Chief of Staff for Congressman Bobby L. Rush. He has served as a Director for the Southern African Economic Development Fund and as a Director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago. He has also served as Chairman of the Sub-Saharan African Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

In 2005, Mr. Wright was selected as one of Chicago's "Business Leaders of Color" by Chicago United and in January 2010, Mr. Wright was one of the winners in *Politics* magazine's second annual "Reed Awards," which are presented to "political and public affairs professionals at the top of their game," according to the magazine. Mr. Wright was an award recipient in the special category, "Best Bare-Knuckled Street Fight Victory," for his help, as Illinois senator Roland Burris' lead attorney, in getting the U.S. Senate to allow Burris to obtain his appointed U.S. Senate seat.