

## **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS SBDC NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**



**Louis J. Foreman**  
Charlotte, NC

### **Chairman of the SBDC National Advisory Board**

Louis Foreman is founder and Chief Executive of Enventys ([www.enventys.com](http://www.enventys.com)), an integrated product design and engineering firm. He is also CEO of Edison Nation ([www.EdisonNation.com](http://www.EdisonNation.com)). Louis graduated from The University of Illinois with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Economics. His interest in starting businesses and developing innovative products began while a sophomore with his first company founded in his fraternity room. Over the past 20 years Louis has created 9 successful start-ups and has been directly responsible for the creation of over 20 others. A prolific inventor, he is the inventor of 10 registered US Patents, and his firm is responsible for the development and filing of well over 500 more.



**Becky Takeda-Tinker**  
Parker, CO

Dr. Becky Takeda-Tinker currently serves as the Dean of Academic Affairs for Colorado State University – Global Campus. With an extensive base of experience and practice in the private sector, Becky Takeda-Tinker blends the best practices of business management, organizational leadership and governance, marketing, and business communication with institutional education. Dr. Takeda-Tinker has successfully incorporated her business experience with online

and traditional education for Doctoral, Masters, and Undergraduate degree programs at accredited universities, while ensuring quality in her work through certifications in instruction, assessments, and technology applications. Dr. Takeda-Tinker enjoys research and writing and continues to be a publishing and presenting scholar while actively serving as a Board of Director for the Leadership Foundation comprised of multinational representatives for the International Women's Forum, the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, and the Make-a-Wish Foundation SNV.



**Miguel Zabudovsky**  
**New York, New York**

Miguel Zabudovsky is one of the thousands of Hispanic entrepreneurs powering the US economy. He is the Founder and CEO of Slate NYC, the clothes and home cleaning service used by over 5,000 fashion-aware couture designers, vintage boutiques, celebrity stylists and people like you in New York City. Miguel was born and raised in Mexico City, where his great-grandparents emigrated to from Eastern Europe. He attended the University of Miami and Columbia University.

## New Board Members – three year terms



**MARK WILLIAMS**  
Solon, Ohio

Mr. Williams is the Managing Director of Manchester Partners, a private investment firm focused on making equity investments in small industrial/consumer manufacturing and distribution companies based in the Midwest. Prior to Manchester Partners, Mr. Williams was an executive at KeyCorp, where he led Corporate Strategy and Development, and the Commercial Card businesses. He has also held executive positions at PNC, Capital One Financial and McKinsey and Company. He holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School, where he was nominated as a Baker Scholar, and attended Polytechnic University (NYU) where he earned a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering.



**Sandy Cajas**  
Long Beach California

Currently, Ms. Cajas serves as President & CEO of the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (RHCC) and has founded the Regional Hispanic Institute (RHI). This Institute was created with the mission of giving entrepreneurs an alternative for life preparation and life-long learning by developing and implementing initiatives and educational campaigns that awaken and nurture their entrepreneurial spirit. Ms. Cajas also owns the Diversity Marketing Group, an organization that aims to create multicultural programs, events, and fundraisers.



**Glenda Washington**  
**Topeka, KS**

Vice President, Entrepreneurial and Minority Business Development

- Oversees Entrepreneurial and Minority Business Development programs
- Educational programs, Forums and Seminars for Small Businesses in Shawnee County
- Oversees the Topeka/Shawnee County First Opportunity Fund, L.L.C., Entrepreneurial, Microloan program
- FastTrac New Venture and Growth Venture Programs
- Quarterly Breakfast Buzz Events and Small Business Annual Awards



**Latha Ramchand**  
**Houston, Texas**

Latha Ramchand is Dean and Professor of Finance at the C. T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. Her expertise is in the areas of international and corporate finance and leadership development. She has worked to deliver programs in business development, energy education, and diversity in the workplace. She has worked with clients in industries ranging from energy and banking to business performance and human resource optimization.



**Karen Smaw**  
**Tysons, VA**

**Ms. Smaw** is the Director of Business Diversity for the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, where she is responsible for the development and implementation of programs and services that facilitate the attraction, retention and growth of minority, veteran and woman-owned businesses in Fairfax County. She created the FCEDA's popular Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County workshop, Exporting 101 workshop and Procurement Academy workshop series.

Ms. Smaw serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including the Northern Virginia Workforce Development Board, and is the recipient of several awards recognizing her contributions in the field of economic development.