

2021 Board of Directors



Danny Chiarastella, Board Chair

Danny is Head of Finance, Americas for 3P Learning Ltd, a global leader in online education. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant with over 20 years of financial management and accounting experience. Danny credits his passion for learning with his career advancement. He offers extensive experience in financial reporting, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, corporate tax and treasury management.

He is a mentor for the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta. Danny is also the Calgary Chapter President of Financial Executives International.

Danny attended the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary and holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting.



Heather MacBeath, Vice Chair

Heather is a Management Consultant based in Calgary. Heather develops business goals and leverages data to influence business strategy and organizational development. She is experienced in leading and contributing to learning and development, governance, project implementation and execution, and change management to develop, engage and transform individuals and organizations.

Heather's background in Education includes teaching, curriculum development and design, researching and evaluating curriculum standards and developing content and assessment criteria. She is comfortable working in diverse, global and virtual environments to collaborate with and lead diverse stakeholders.

Heather holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Lethbridge, a Bachelor of Education from Acadia University and an MBA from Queen's University.



Sabrina Brock, Director

Sabrina is a professional Human Resources Manager offering over 10 years of experience in a variety of industries including Manufacturing, Landscape Construction, Oil & Gas Services, and currently in the Utilities industry.

Sabrina also spent many years working with children and families for non-profit organizations as a Child and Youth Care Counsellor prior to working in human resources. Sabrina is highly involved in various volunteering, as she has mentored HR professionals for both MRU and CPHR, additionally with her CPHR designation holds SPHRi designation. Sabrina also has work closely with the Human Resources Certification Institute in Virginia, USA developing and reviewing international certifications.

Sabrina holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology from the University of Alberta, a Certificate in Human Resources Management from Mount Royal University, and a Certificate in Business Essentials from Haskayne School of Business.



Lisa Chen, Treasurer

Lisa is a Chartered Professional Accountant. Before public practice, she was in Oil & Gas and has experience with divestitures, reserves, financial valuations, disclosures and reorganizations. Outside of work, she is the coach for the University of Calgary JDC West Tax Team and has volunteered with a variety of organizations such as tax programs, UNICEF on Campus and various societies.

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from the University of Calgary.

Natalie Ilkiw, Director



Natalie is a Change Advisor at WestJet. She specializes in developing and implementing change management strategies to help leaders and employees effectively navigate and adopt change.

Natalie's passion for wellness and continuous improvement has formed the foundation of her career. Prior to her role at WestJet, Natalie worked in the healthcare industry for over 7 years. This included her role as a Quality Improvement Consultant for Alberta Kidney Care South where she applied her background in clinical experience, research, and program development to contribute to quality improvement initiatives throughout southern Alberta. She has worked as a kinesiologist with the University of Alberta, Primary Care Network, and Alberta Healthy Living Program to improve patient quality of life through activity.

Natalie obtained her undergraduate degree in Kinesiology at the University of Alberta and MBA from Queen's University.

Jodie Jeworski, Director



Jodie holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) and a Master's degree in Human Resources Management (MHRM). She holds a Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPhR) designation and Work-Life Certified Professional (WLCP) designation.

Currently the Manager, Compensation and Recognition, at the University of Calgary, Jodie has previously been involved with other areas of Human Resources such as employee wellness, and workplace investigations.

Jodie is a life-long learner, passionate about the field of Human Resources. It has been a privilege to work with a variety of stakeholders to support and enhance the overall employee experience.

Linda Johnson, Director



Linda is the President of Swivel Consulting. She has considerable experience focusing on community and stakeholder engagement and creating involvement amongst volunteers, employees, and management boards. She brings to CanLearn an understanding of how elected and public service officials – evaluate proposals, respond to public issues, and how government works.

While the MLA for Calgary-Glenmore, Linda frequently spoke on the importance of adult literacy and essential skills matters at public and government events.

Linda has a Bachelor of Commerce from Saint Mary's University, Halifax.

Sally Mansour, Director



Sally Mansour has been in the not-for-profit sector for over 15 years after working in the private sector. Her specializations in working as a Director or consultant include business development, governance, revenue generation, government relations, marketing and communications, and fundraising.

Sally joins the CanLearn Board having served as an experienced volunteer board director and as an advisor to many of Calgary's charitable organizations. With accessibility to equal education opportunities close to her heart, she is looking forward to working with the CanLearn team and Board to reach the organization's immediate and long-term goals.

When not at work or volunteering, Sally can be found with her husband, cheering from the sidelines of one of her young son's sports teams, enjoying a live show, or exploring our great outdoors.

Krishna Peesapati, Director



Krishna is a Manager, Vendor Audit at Suncor Energy – one of the biggest Canadian integrated energy companies. Before Suncor, Krishna worked with Big 4 public accounting firms in Canada, Kuwait, Bahrain and India.

Most recently, Krishna left EY as a Senior Manager in the Risk Services Practice. Krishna has over 17 years of progressive experience in consulting, risk management, risk-based internal audits, internal control reviews and vendor compliance reviews in various industries.



Mike Peters, Director

Mike is the Director of Government Relations, Alberta for TELUS. In his role, he provides senior-level counsel on policy developments and government engagement strategies. Previously, Mike was Vice President at Global Public Affairs, one of Canada's leading privately-held strategic communications and government advocacy consultancy firms.

Mike is a board member of Shader Kids, helping develop youth leadership through outdoor experiences, and a former board member and board chair of HIV Community Link, which works with individuals and communities affected by HIV and hepatitis C through education, prevention, and support.

He holds a BA in Political Science from Dalhousie University and a Masters in International and European Politics from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.



Elizabeth Pratt, Director

Elizabeth is currently Senior Development Associate at a national public policy think tank and has business development and project management experience across multiple industries including non-profit, third-party food delivery and university athletics.

Through her various community leadership roles, co-founder of *Langley Youth for the Fallen*, Director of Fundraising for *Telephone Aid Line Kingston*, and Director of Marketing for *Product Calgary*, she joins the CanLearn Board with a wealth of non-profit experience and a passion for giving back to her local community.

Elizabeth holds a B.A. in International Relations from UBC and an MBA from Queen's University.



Grant Scales, Director

Grant is a Senior Human Resources Professional with over 14 years' experience focused primarily in the Oil & Gas industry. He is a trusted and collaborative business partner with a proven ability to influence leaders and deliver tailored human resources solutions that are aligned with organizational strategy.

Grant has spent the past eight years as a Senior HR Advisor at TAQA North Ltd. and previously as an HR Advisor at Divestco Inc.

Grant holds a Bachelor of Management, HR and Industrial Relations, and a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology from the University of Lethbridge.



Deanna Shymkiw Yeo, Director

Deanna is a passionate and enthusiastic CPA, CMA, with over ten years' experience in senior oil and gas accounting roles. With a love for lifelong learning and a busy mom to two young children, she is working on a PMP designation and enjoys volunteering for CPA Alberta and facilitating CPA modules for the Western School of Business.

She brings a wealth of enthusiasm, integrity and a critical eye for looking at issues and finding new and exciting ways to create efficiencies.

Deanna holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a double major in Accounting and Human Resources and a minor in social psychology from the University of Manitoba.



Helen Squance, Director

Helen is a Certified Professional Accountant and Senior Manager with KPMG, specializing in corporate audit. She has extensive audit experience in both Canada and the UK, primarily with large multinational public companies in various sectors. Helen is a quality resource professional within the Calgary office, interpreting and providing guidance in evolving audit areas.

Helen holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Calgary.