

Restaurant Promotion Commission



Senate President Appointee: State Senator Julian Cyr

Sen. Julian Cyr serves in the Massachusetts State Senate representing Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. He is the Senate Assistant Majority Whip, Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, and serves on committees with oversight of health care policy, public health, municipalities and regional government, and education. Julian has experience in public policy, health advocacy, organizing, and social justice. Prior to his election, he served as director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs for Environmental Health at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Julian's parents were the longtime proprietors of Adrian's Restaurant, a beloved Truro destination for 28 years. He worked in the restaurant for 14 seasons growing up, where he washed dishes, cooked behind the line, waited tables, and managed staff.



Speaker of the House Appointee: Tiffani Faison

Chef and Owner of Sweet Cheeks Q, Tiger Mama, Fool's Errand and Orfano, Tiffani Faison opened Sweet Cheeks Q in 2011 in Boston's Fenway neighborhood, drawing inspiration from her love of Southern barbecue and travels through Texas. In 2015, just down the block, Tiffani's Southeast Asian restaurant Tiger Mama opened offering a chic, tropical meets urban atmosphere and a menu that journeys through Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. In 2018, she opened her third restaurant in the neighborhood, Fool's Errand a standing-room only adult snack bar. In August 2019, Tiffani opened her fourth restaurant, Orfano, an Italian American restaurant, also located in the Fenway. The restaurant, guided by the whimsy of "sorry Nonna," is Tiffani's most upscale restaurant to date featuring next level Italian – delicious, elegant, humorous, and distinctly different from anything else in Boston. Among her many culinary achievements, the James

Beard Foundation nominated Tiffani as Best Chef: Northeast in 2018 & 2019. Tiffani is currently a frequent judge on Food Network's "Chopped."



**Speaker of the House Appointee:
Rebecca Roth Gullo**

Rebecca Roth Gullo is president of the Gallows Group— a hospitality conglomerate based in Boston; The Gallows, Banyan Bar+Refuge, Blackbird Doughnuts, Sally's Sandwiches. A Boston native, Rebecca sits on the board of Planned Parenthood, Ellis Neighborhood Association and Beaver Country Day School. A graduate of Smith College with an AB in government, Rebecca worked for both U.S. Senator Kennedy and Mayor Bloomberg. Rebecca has her cooking degree from the Institute of

Culinary Education (NYC). She lives in Boston with her husband and two daughters.



**Senate President Appointee:
Christopher P. Jamison**

Christopher Jamison and a business partner founded COJE in 2010, a restaurant management company that currently owns and operates five restaurants in Boston including Lolita, Yvonne's, RUKA and recently opened Mariel. Recently nominated as one of BBJ's 40 under 40, Christopher and his team have repeatedly been lauded for excellence in restaurant design and operations over the past decade in Boston.



**Commission Appointment:
Senator Edward J. Kennedy**

State Senator Edward Kennedy, a lifelong resident of Lowell, was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate in November 2018. He represents the First Middlesex District, which includes the city of Lowell and the towns of Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, Tyngsboro, and Westford.

Sen Kennedy serves as the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, Vice Chair of Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, and as a member of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, the Joint Committee on Election Laws, the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, the Joint Committee on Higher Education, and the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.



**House Minority Leader Appointee:
Pat Lee**

Pat Lee has been the Owner and Operator of the Horseshoe Grille, a fourth generation restaurant located in North Reading, for over 30 years. He has served as Chair of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, and as a lifelong resident of North Reading, has served as President of the Reading – North Reading Chamber of Commerce, coached North Reading High School Hockey, and is a Server at the Parish Council and Finance Committee for St. Theresa Church.

A graduate of Ohio State, Pat has been married to Kathi for over 40 years, and is the proud father of four children.



**Speaker of the House Appointee:
Bob Luz**
President & CEO
Massachusetts Restaurant Association

Bob Luz graduated with a Hospitality Management degree from UMASS Amherst, and started his career in restaurant operations for The Rusty Scupper in 1983, before leading HR & Training for the Back Bay Restaurant Group and subsequently Applebee's International, Inc. He then served as Chief Human Resource Officer for several organizations, which through acquisitions eventually became American Blue Ribbon Holdings, parent company of 7 brands with 800 restaurants, 34,000 employees and \$1.4B in sales. Since 2013, he has been President & CEO of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, representing the best interest of the food and beverage industry across the Commonwealth. There are 15,350 locations and the industry employs over 300,000

directly in those establishments within Massachusetts.



**Commission Appointment:
Representative Paul McMurtry**

Elected in a special election in May 2007, Representative Paul McMurtry is now entering his 7th term in the House of Representatives. Rep. McMurtry currently serves as Chair of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, has served as the Chair of the House Committee on Personnel and Administration, Vice Chair of the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and has been a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and Community Development. He has been self-employed as a small business owner for over 30 years and is the owner of the historic Dedham Community Theatre.



**Commission Appointment:
Chairperson, Keiko Matsudo Orrall**

Keiko Matsudo Orrall of Lakeville, MA became the first Asian American woman to be elected to the Massachusetts Legislature in 2011 and the first minority woman to run for statewide office in 2018. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the MA Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) as well as the Executive Director of the Mass Marketing Partnership (MMP). She has participated in numerous national and international panels promoting Massachusetts. She has received awards from several organizations including the American Legion, the National Federation of Women Legislators, and the 2019 Order of the Rising Sun Award from Japan.



**Senate Minority Leader Appointee:
Kathi Maino Turner**

Kathi Maino Turner graduated Magna Cum Laude in Economics from Harvard in 1985. After working as an analyst and mutual fund manager for Fidelity Investments she then went on to Boston College where she obtained her law degree. After graduating she worked in the Essex County District Attorney's office for seven years all while working in several different capacities at Turner Seafood Companies. While working in the thriving family business, she honed her finance skills as the CFO for seven related seafood companies and served as the General Manager of the Grill and Market in Melrose for 16 years.

Kathi is very active in her community where she serves on the boards of St. Mel Independent Day School as Treasurer, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association as an Executive Director and Treasurer, and the Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund. Her community service has extended beyond her local community to Zimbabwe where she worked with her daughter teaching in local village schools. She is the

wife (of 28 years) to Jim and the mother of Dartmouth students, James and Mark as well 18 old Elaina, who is taking a gap year to work and travel.



**Senate President Appointee:
Ted Twinney**

Ted opened Start Line Brewing in the fall of 2016 in Hopkinton MA where Hydroponic Hops are also proudly grown on property. This summer, Start Line completed an expansion of their Tap Room to include a new event space, an outdoor patio and many other enhancements including a full kitchen and new beer production space.

Ted, who resides in Hopkinton with his family, enjoyed a 30 year career in the Consumer Package Goods Industry where he lead sales teams and Customer Development as Regional VP of Sales, Director of Customer Marketing, and Sales Training and Development at GlaxoSmithKline.