

TCLA 26 Class Roster



Meaghan Morgan

Meaghan Morgan is a long-time employee of Nashville Electric Service, now serving as the Fleet Business Analyst. She holds undergraduate degrees in Advertising and Public Relations from the University of Central Florida, and Business Administration from the University of Memphis (Magna Cum Laude). Born in New York and raised in Florida, her interest in transit was passed down from her father, who spent his career with the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority and Space Coast Area Transit. A lifelong fan of Country music, she moved to Nashville in 2008, where she met and married her husband. They happily remain Nashville residents and keep busy raising their active five-year-old son.



Jim Delaney

I have worked in the transportation industry for about 8 years after working in the private sector in data business. I have driven charter trips with school kids/college students and athletes from all walks of life and drove for WeGo Public Transit for 3.5 years prior to taking on my role now.



Jennifer Bokari

I have been in the transportation industry for over 30 years in general aviation, trucking, and now ground transportation (private sector).



Teresa C. Daniel, PHR, SHRM-CP
Human Resource Consultant

Teresa Daniel

Teresa, is a Certified Professional Human Resource Consultant with over 25 years of experience partnering with small to mid-size businesses to support human capital management initiatives, compliance strategies, small business development, and multi-generational strategies to help organizations enhance their success.

Teresa's mission is to partner with organizations and community partners to engage and develop leaders to promote their full potential through diversity, servant, and ethical leadership. Teresa has a proven track record and a passion for building collaborative partnerships with community partners and organizations to yield proactive results and positive outcomes that help organizations accomplish their business development goals and objectives.

She also takes pride in partnering with the community initiatives to promote diversity, belonging, equity and inclusion to ensure all, specifically the marginalized, have access to safe, affordable, and sustainable means to live and thrive.



Gilad Reichenburg

I've worked in the architectural field for over 15 years, and worked in China and Hong Kong. I came to Tennessee three years ago and have been working in Nashville for the past 2.5 years.



Melanie Brown

I am Melanie Brown and am a New Home Sales Agent with Ole South who is a local home builder in Middle Tennessee. I am married to my husband Pierce, and we have an adorable daughter named Laila, along with two golden retrievers.



David Greaves

David is a Transportation Engineer with Kimley-Horn who works to make Nashville's streets through the Neighborhood Street Traffic Calming Program, complete streets, and sidewalk projects. He enjoys biking for transportation and for fun, creating visual art in a variety of mediums, and gardening.



Amanda Vandegrift

Amanda is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Finance and Administration for WeGo Public Transit in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to joining WeGo, Amanda was a Partner at InfraStrategies LLC, where she led the creation of her firm's Southeast transit financial practice, expanding the footprint to include a multimillion-dollar portfolio with major transit advisory contracts in Charlotte, San Antonio, Nashville, Atlanta, Savannah, and Tampa. Prior to InfraStrategies LLC, Amanda served as a principal financial consultant for two international engineering and design firms, as the Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer at MARTA, and in the Bridges and Structures Department at Norfolk Southern. Amanda holds a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



Matt Nicholson

Matt leads all strategic initiatives for CBC, including oversight of business performance and growth, as well as sourcing development and preservation opportunities. With over 20 years of experience, Matt's expertise in leading high-performing, revenue generating teams for commercial construction projects opens the door for key partners in the affordable housing space. An active member of the community, Matt is a board member for Habitat for Humanity, Chair of Attainable Housing Action Council for ULI of Middle TN, and an active volunteer for Catholic Charities Family Refugee Mentor Program.



Scott Niesen

Scott has 30 years of progressive experience in Public Sector Engineering and Planning services and oversees the RaganSmith Public Sector Practice in Tennessee. He leads a wide range of services including Transportation/Traffic/Environmental Engineering, Construction, Transportation Planning, among others. Scott has managed municipal and state contracts throughout the State of Tennessee with various funding sources including local, state and federal funding.



Deborah Connor

Deborah is a planning and project manager with 17 years of experience in managing and directing transportation planning projects for public and private agencies. She has prepared all types of NEPA-related documents, including environmental justice and community impact analyses, and has coordinated transportation and environmental planning with designers in a collaborative multidisciplinary approach to project development. In addition to working with clients to meet schedule and budget objectives, Deborah coordinates with the FTA, FRA, FHWA and state and local agencies to make sure all work adheres to applicable regulatory guidelines. She has also facilitated workshops and presentations to support public outreach activities.



Charlie Newman

Long-standing (50 years +) resident of Davidson county, currently serving on the NOAH task force for economic equity, jobs and transportation, currently serving on the racial justice task force at St. Bartholomew's.



Patti Carroll

I am currently the Economic and Community Development Officer for the City of Fairview. Prior to taking this position, I worked as a Director of Special Projects for Congressman Mark Green's office for 5 years. Coming back to work in Fairview, a community that I love and raised my children in, is a great honor. I served as elected Mayor of the City of Fairview for 4yrs and as a City Commissioner for 4yrs. Prior to those elected positions, I was appointed to the Planning Commission and served for around 10 years. I have called Middle Tennessee home for over 52 years. I am a graduate of Leadership Middle Tennessee (class of 2023), and Williamson County Schools Ambassador for 2010. I previously worked in Williamson County Schools for over 15 years. Prior to that my background was in Sales and Marketing. I have a degree in Organizational Management from Bethel University, and I have been married to my husband, Kevin, for 30 years and we have 3 adult children.



Wade Seifert

Transit has become a hot issue over the last 15-20 years in Middle Tennessee and even more so recently. I am incredibly interested in learning from industry professionals on their perspectives and how we are working to address this problem. I have a strong interest in politics and how legislature can impact these problems, and this seems a perfect opportunity to learn the inner workings of transit and how we may address the issues within. I was involved in various transit conversations previously in Knoxville and feel I have fallen out of the loop here in Middle Tennessee. This would help me get back up to speed and ultimately help others in my community understand the steps being taken to address their concerns.



Jaqueline Carter

Jacquelyn Carter is a legal assistant for an affordable housing and commercial real estate law firm, Reno & Cavanaugh. She has lived in Nashville on and off since 2004, therefore witnessing her hometown develop into what it is today. Ms. Carter is Secretary of the Tennessee Alliance for Progress and the Nashville Chapter of the National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS). She hopes to take with her the knowledge and connections from the Transit Citizen Leadership Academy needed to organize for the Women's Political Collaborative of TN's Courageous Conversations (coming soon). Lastly, she looks forward to using the leadership skills learned in UT's Women in Leadership Program, a course for which she is an advisory board member.



Brittany Hall

I graduated from the University of San Diego with degrees in Business Administration and Spanish. Post college, I moved home to the Chicagoland area & lived in the city for 11 years prior to moving to Nashville. Having come from a high density city with mass transit options, I am passionate about the future of Nashville's transit possibilities and finding ways to alleviate some of our traffic issues before they get worse. I look forward to learning more about Nashville's infrastructure, the intricacies of transit funding, and the implementation of transit initiatives.



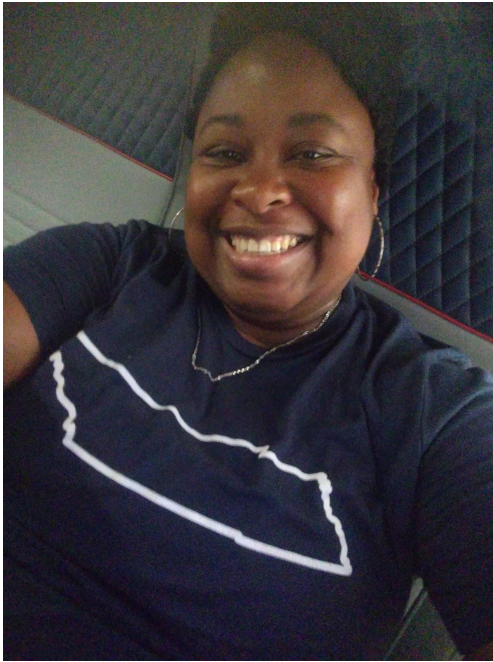
Brandon Denny

I work in traffic engineering and multimodal planning for a consulting firm, focusing on complex studies that aim to build better communities. My educational background is in civil engineering, with heavy emphasis on transit planning and policy as well as city planning. I've worked for and with transit agencies in the past and believe good transit supports good cities. I have watched the transit environment in Nashville since the 2018 referendum and am interested in engaging with other community members to see other perspectives and learn how support can continue to be mobilized in this city.



Jessica Powers

Jessica is a strategic communications professional with experience crafting campaigns in higher education, government, transportation and for B2B tech clients. She helps executives and organizations build profile momentum and execute thought leadership through creative content. She is interested in transit and a lover of travel.



Shandira Edgecomb

The child of educators, and, beginning leadership early as a School Prefect and Teacher Cadet in my Bahamas high school, I have always been a record keeper, from dates, times, names and ideas. As an athlete and coach, I've always felt the most enthusiasm in an activity setting: moving, playing, driving, flying. I received my Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Florida International University. As a member of the Honors College, I participated in a study abroad program in Italy and Alternative Spring Break in New York, both of which inspired a deep interest in transit, travel, and efficient movement that has propelled many of my best experiences. Resourcefully, while waiting for a school assignment as a Phys. Ed. teacher after moving to Nashville, I became a bus operator for WeGo (then MTA) in 2014, moving to TDOT's Office of Public Transportation in 2022. I am excited to participate, and believe this course will benefit my efforts toward becoming an excellent TDM practitioner and transportation planner for the city of Nashville.



Rachel Back

Civil and environmental engineer with 23 years in the industry, alum of University of Miami (Florida). Have been at Barge for just over 1 year as a Client Service Leader for Middle Tennessee. Spent most of my career in Florida and have been in the Nashville area for 2 years. I've been married to my husband Dan for 18 years and we have 2 children Aaron (15) and Madelyn (12). In my rare spare time I enjoy reading and gardening.



Christopher Smith

Chris Smith is a customer focused and performance driven professional with two decades of experience in client relationships, community relations, and marketing operations. The Nashville native has seen this metropolis grow over time and is excited to chime in on transit solutions in this dynamic city.

<i>Image coming soon</i>	Christopher Oye I'm a Nashville native, and local small business owner, with 12 years of experience in the technology industry as a content and technical design engineer. Throughout my career I've been able to travel to various countries relying on public transportations and transit networks, finding curiosity and joy in studying how transit impacts and mobilizes communities — focusing on ways of incorporating a reliable source of mass transit in Nashville as it continues to grow.
<i>Image coming soon</i>	Markus Voehler I grew up in Switzerland, where I also studied Chemistry. Upon completion of my masters and 5 years of working in Zurich, my wife and I came to Nashville in 1992 where I was directing a science lab (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy) at Vanderbilt. We have 3 children, now grown. Growing up in a country with seamless public transportation, it has always been a desire to support it in our city as well.
<i>Image coming soon</i>	Patrick Pruett Affiliate Broker and real estate consultant with Berkshire Hathaway Woodmont Realty, working to serve home sellers and buyers and add value to their transaction. Background as an executive with global relationships. Connecting people & expertise to attract business referrals, generate revenue, create benchmark services, develop certification programs, grow resources, and supply service partners.
<i>Image coming soon</i>	Luke Lancaster Since moving up to the Haynes area, I have been riding the 14 bus once a week to head downtown to work for the day, and was excited to see the recent service updates that came to the line. Adding onto that is the opening of the North Nashville Transit Center. That is particularly exciting as it opens up more areas of town for me to get to via transit. I'd love to not only see more

	improvement to WeGo, but also hear how I can get involved in making that happen. I'm sure my wife and friends are tired of hearing me talk about transit in Nashville, but I'm pumped at seeing the changes that are coming!
<i>Image coming soon</i>	Sarah Owen I am an early career architectural historian working in environmental planning for transportation projects at HNTB. I earned masters in historic preservation from the University of Georgia. I have previously interned at the Green Building Alliance in Pittsburgh, PA and as a grant writer at a local workforce development board. I have earned my LEED Green Associate certification.
<i>Image coming soon</i>	Shalini Gupta I am a senior business leader with over 30 years of demonstrated success in leading and directing various business transformation projects especially in the government sector, specializing in project scoping, vendor management, cross-functional collaboration. I have been working as a project manager at the State of TN leading complex projects.