



## **Real Estate Finance Association named its board of directors for 2020 - Piper of Webster Bank named president**

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Boston, MA The Real Estate Finance Association (REFA) has named its board of directors for 2020. Claudia Piper, senior vice president, Webster Bank, will serve as president along with president-elect, Bill Flynn, senior vice president at Net Lease Capital Advisors.

REFA has also named seven new members who will join the board of directors:

- Peter Bloomfield, KPMG;
- Gregory Bohenko, Samuels & Associates;
- Saeed Coates, The GPG Companies;
- Megan King, AEW Capital Management;
- Elizabeth Lowrey, Elkus Manfredi Architects;
- Kevin Stone, KeyBank Real Estate Capital; and
- Lauren Sullivan, Related Beal.

The following will continue to serve on the board of director for 2020:

- Paul Ayoub, Nutter;
- Kristen Binck, Oxford Properties;
- Steven Bonelli, Lighthouse Real Estate Investments;
- Robert Brown, Brookline Bank;
- Niles Bubna, Longpoint Realty Partners;
- Travis D'Amato, Walker & Dunlop;

- Amanda Eckhoff, Robinson + Cole LLP;
- Joanne Foley, Equity Resource Investments;
- Samantha Hallowell, Newmark Knight Frank;
- Jessica Hughes, Tishman Speyer;
- Kathryn Kargman Holden, First Realty Management Corp.;
- Patrick Keefe, Walker & Dunlop;
- Deepa Krishnamurthy, Linear Retail Properties;
- Christopher Legocki, Longpoint Realty Partners;
- Israel Lopez, The Gutierrez Company;
- Douglas MacLean, Berkshire Bank;
- Adrienne Maley, REFA;
- Naomi Mayeux, National Development;
- Ian McKinley, Hunneman;
- Paul Nasser, Intercontinental Real Estate Corp.;
- Douglas Novitch, Wells Fargo Bank;
- Lauren O'Neil, JLL;
- Sean Randall, Citizens Bank;
- John Roach, US Bank;
- Andrew Rosen, Bank of America Merrill Lynch; and
- Melissa Schrock, Boston Properties.

REFA hopes you can join them in 2020 for their quality networking and educational programs, beginning with their Annual Forecasting Breakfast on Tuesday, January 28th. David Martin Darst, CFA, senior investment strategist, will keynote the breakfast with an economic outlook. A panel discussion with industry leaders will cover signature development projects in the city that are

changing the landscape. The program will also include the results from last year's audience ballot questions.

To learn more about REFA, including membership, events, and ways to get involved, please visit us at [www.refa.org](http://www.refa.org). Follow REFA on Twitter @REFABoston.

REFA, a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board (GBREB), is a commercial real estate business association providing members with high quality networking and educational opportunities. REFA strives to maintain its reputation for excellence by promoting the exchange of information between professionals in the real estate finance community, fostering a platform for growth and development for its emerging leader membership and maintaining a central role within the commercial real estate industry – one that is at the center of it all.

Real estate professionals from a variety of institutions join REFA to network and exchange ideas through educational programs, networking events and committee participation. From forums featuring senior-level executives to the Annual Gala, REFA programs are well attended with leaders from the industry and provide excellent opportunities for industry updates and networking. Formed in 1988, REFA currently has over 700 members, 105 corporate sponsors, and hosts over 30 educational and networking events per year.

REFA has built a strong Emerging Leaders program with a membership of over 250 members.

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