



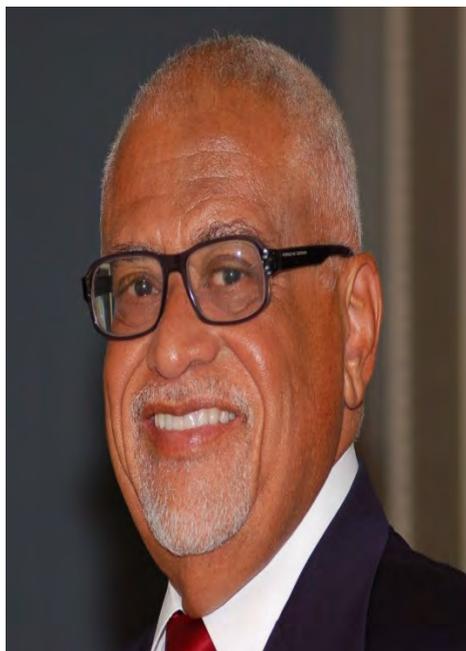
DeRonda Williams, Founder/President, DGW Consulting Group, Long Grove. Ms. Williams has a national perspective and understanding of charter school finance and experience, having served as Network Finance Director for the highly regarded charter school organization, Knowledge is Power Program, “KIPP,” for 5 years. Before joining KIPP, Ms. Williams worked at Pearson Education as a business unit CFO of the K-12 and college divisions for over 11 years, ultimately becoming Vice President and Director of Finance for Scott Foresman. Currently, Ms. Williams is the Founder and President of DW, Inc., a national consulting firm that provides executive search, project management, professional development and financial analysis services to education and non-profit organizations. Ms. Williams has a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University, and an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. **Commissioner Williams was appointed to the Commission in 2013 by Governor Pat Quinn and currently serves as the ISCS Chair and ex officio on all committees.**



Catherine Rich, Managing Director, Accelerate Institute, Chicago. Ms. Rich has dedicated her life to helping others realize their full potential. Because of that, she is a thought leader on leadership development, executive coaching, and team management. Following her own career as a highly-effective teacher and principal, she now plays a critical role developing leaders to hold the mindset and skill set to be transformational in the toughest environments in the nation. During her highly-successful 15-year career in education, Catherine has worked with over 65 leaders across the country from high-needs cities such as Chicago, New York, Newark, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Dallas, Los Angeles, Oakland, and San Jose. It is through this work that she and these leaders have founded and turned around schools to provide opportunities for the highest-needs students in this country, dramatically changing the trajectory of their lives. Ms. Rich expects to hold an E.D.D. from Roosevelt University in 2017, and currently holds an M.A. in Education Leadership from Roosevelt University, an M.A. in History from Eastern Michigan University, and a B.A. in History from Northern Illinois University. **Commissioner Rich was appointed to the Commission in 2015 by Governor Bruce Rauner and currently serves as the ISCS Vice-Chair and a member of the Schools Committee.**



Bill Farmer, Teacher, Evanston Township High School Evanston. Mr. Farmer is a biology and chemistry teacher at Evanston Township High School. He began his teaching career in 2003. In 2009, he was elected as President of the district's local affiliate of the Illinois Education Association and National Education Association. Outside of the classroom, he sponsors several student activities Science Olympiad Team and Gay-Straight Alliance. Additionally, Mr. Farmer serves as a Virtual Community Organizer for the Illinois New Millennium Initiative, a group of innovative, early-career teachers focused on promoting best practices through educational policy recommendations under the support of the for Teacher Quality. Mr. Farmer holds a B.A. in Biology with Center Secondary Certification from Northwestern University (2003) and an M.A. in School Leadership and Administration from Concordia University. **Commissioner Farmer was appointed to the Commission in 2014 by Governor Pat Quinn and currently serves as the ISCSC Secretary and Chair of the Schools Committee.**



Troy Ratliff, Vice President and Executive Director, Joseph Kellman Family Foundation, Chicago. Mr. Ratliff assumed this position upon retiring from a career in municipal and state government. The Kellman Foundation supported the creation of the Joseph Kellman Corporate Community School, and is often recognized as a forerunner of the corporate school initiative. Through the work of the foundation, Mr. Ratliff continues to play a role in providing financial support to innovative programs at the Kellman School. Mr. Ratliff has served as a director of the Noble Charter School Network for 10 years. As chairman of the network's facilities committee he brought his experience as an administrator in the City of Chicago's Building Department to the process of expanding the network, which has grown to encompass 16 campuses with plans to increase the number in the near future. Mr. Ratliff holds a Bachelors degree in Political Science and Masters Degree in Public Administration form Roosevelt University. **Commissioner Ratliff was appointed to the Commission by Governor Bruce Rauner in 2015 and currently serves on the ISCSC as Chair of the Operations Committee.**



Dr. Kathryn Robbins, Retired Superintendent, Leyden High School District 212, Franklin Park. Dr. Kathryn Robbins is an educator with 34 years of service in public education, 10 as a high school business education teacher and 24 in administration. For the last 14 years, she served as Superintendent for Leyden High School District 212 in Franklin Park, Illinois. Dr. Robbins has been on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Administrators for eight years and served as president of the association in 2012-2013. She served on the Executive Board of the Illinois High School District Organization for twelve years, until her retirement from public education in 2013. Dr. Robbins also served as president of the Superintendents Round Table of Northern Illinois in 2007-2008. Dr. Robbins has a Bachelors degree in Business Education from Northern Illinois University, a Masters degree in Educational Administration from National Louis University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Loyola University. In retirement, Dr. Robbins is a partner with School ExecConnect, a national educational search and consulting firm. **Commissioner Robbins was appointed to the Commission in 2013 by Governor Pat Quinn and currently serves on the ISCSC as a member of the Operations Committee.**



Richard Van Evera, Civil Litigation Attorney, Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsey & Van Evera, LLP, Rockford. Mr. Van Evera has been with the firm since 1978. He is admitted to practice in all State and Federal courts in Illinois. He represents businesses, insurance companies, and individuals in civil litigation matters involving injuries and damages cause by dangerous products, motor vehicle accidents, hazards and defects relating to buildings, property, and construction sites, and matters involving insurance coverage, employment disputes and workers' compensation. Mr. Van Evera has been recognized as a leading lawyer by the Leading Lawyers Network, a service that rates lawyers through peer reviews. Mr. Van Evera lives in Boone County and is involved in many community activities there and in adjacent Winnebago County, Illinois, including Growth Dimensions for Belvidere and Boone County (economic development organization), Belvidere Chamber of Commerce, Belvidere Foundation for Excellence (scholarships awarded to high school students), Boone County Community Foundation, the Rockford Area Economic Development Council Business Attraction Committee, Center for Sight and Hearing Development Committee, Belvidere Historical Museum Board of Directors, and the IOU Club of Belvidere. Mr. Van Evera received his B.A. in History and Political Science and was commissioned an Officer of the United States Air Force at Coe College. He served on active duty until 1974 and received his Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. **Commissioner Van Evera was appointed to the Commission in 2015 by Governor Bruce Rauner and currently serves on the ISCSC as a member of the External Relations Committee.**



David Feinberg, CEO/President of Charter School Support Services, David Feinberg has led the real estate development of more than 10 charter school campuses, totaling more than \$125M in facilities projects and impacting more than 5,000 students. Mr. Feinberg is passionate about educational equity and community redevelopment. He began his career as a public school teacher in South Phoenix, teaching 3rd grade and middle school, and designing an after-school program for at-risk youth. After obtaining his graduate degree in urban planning, he began focusing on the intersection of educational equity and community redevelopment in charter school real estate and operations. He currently serves on the board of directors of Jewish Council of Urban Affairs and as the Secretary of the Pulaski LSC. He holds a B.A. in creative non-fiction from Hampshire College, an M.Ed. from ASU, and an MPL from USC. **Commissioner Feinberg was appointed to the Commission in 2016 by Governor Bruce Rauner and currently**

serves on the ISCSC as a member of the Schools Committee.