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MSD board elects new leadership positions

LOUISVILLE, KY – MSD’s board voted today to appoint community advocate Marita Willis to serve as board chair. Willis joined the board in 2019 and succeeds Cynthia Caudill, who chaired the board for nearly five of her seven years of board service and will remain as a board member.

“MSD’s work is vital to Louisville’s environmental health and safety and has an impact on every resident of this community,” Willis said. “I look forward to serving this board and the community in helping MSD achieve its goal of safe and clean waterways that help Louisville thrive.”

Willis is currently chief empowerment officer of Hope Collaborative, a nonprofit serving Louisville’s distressed and underserved communities. She has decades of experience in community building through her career in banking and the nonprofit sector. She previously served as vice president of community development at PNC Bank and philanthropy officer for the American Red Cross. Willis also served as president of eHome America with the Community Ventures Corporation, providing affordable financial education to customers across the globe.

The MSD board also re-appointed Daniel Arbaugh as vice-chair and named a new board member, Ricky Mason.

Arbaugh provides extensive financial expertise, having served as treasurer of LG&E/KU Energy for more than 25 years. He joined the MSD board in 2012 and has served as board vice-chair since 2015.

Mason is an engineer and entrepreneur who founded Kentucky AgriTECH, which develops apps and other technology to improve agriculture and horticulture. He also established BrainSTEM University, which offers professional development courses in engineering, robotics and computer programming.

“All of our board members are extremely dedicated community servants, who bring diverse and valuable skill sets,” said MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott. “Marita, Dan, Ricky, and the rest of our board volunteer their time for the betterment of our community, and I appreciate their commitment to MSD and our work.”



About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization’s more than 650 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro’s sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.