

Board of Directors

Central New York Regional Market Authority

Board Members for the Authority serve as volunteers and on a volunteer basis. Board Members are appointed to the Board of Directors, by the Board of Supervisors or County Legislature for the counties that they serve.

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Board Member Bios

Anthony Emmi - Board President

Anthony serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Onondaga County. He was appointed by the Onondaga County Legislature in 2019, and serves in his current term until its expiration on January 1, 2025.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Anthony currently operates his family's fruit and vegetable farm. Raised on family's fruit and vegetable farm in Liverpool, Anthony graduated from Liverpool High School 1981. Following graduation, he attended West Point, graduating 1985. From 1985 to 1992, Anthony served as a U.S. Army Armor Officer in the 82nd Airborne Div. light tank company commander, serving Operations Desert Shield/Storm (1990-91). Anthony was awarded a Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Parachutist Badge for his service before leaving the Army in 1992 to manage his family's farm in Baldwinsville (1992-present). Qualifications for his role on the Authority's Board of Directors include: experience serving on the boards of the New York State

Berry Growers Association (1995-present), the Onondaga County Farm Service Agency (2000-09), the Upstate New York Growers and Packers Cooperative (2011-present), and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County (2017-19). Anthony is a current New York State Farm Bureau member, and has extensive experience in agriculture and production as well as experience vending at farmers markets.

Jose Berenguer - Board Vice President

Jose serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Wayne County. He was appointed by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors in 2019, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Jose has a long standing background in agriculture. Jose came to the United States in 1986 to attend college before returning to Spain where he and his wife began buying and selling at wholesale and retail markets. When returning to the United States in 1992, they settled in Seattle, WA where they started their successful woodworking business. In 2004 Jose and his family relocated to Wolcott, NY and in 2014 they began their beekeeping farm. Shortly after in 2015 they began selling their honey and produce at the CNYRMA. Jose currently resides in Wolcott, NY with his wife and children.

Thomas Bonoffski - Board Second Vice President

Tom serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Oswego County. He was appointed by the Oswego County Legislature in 2022, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Tom serves on the Board of Directors for his county's Soil and Water Conservation District and Farm Bureau. Tom has a long history working in various areas of agriculture.

Randall Daratt - Board Treasurer

Randall serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Cayuga County. He was appointed by the Cayuga County Legislature in June of 2007, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Randall has a long standing background in agriculture and production, and has many years of experience vending at farmers markets. Randy is currently self employed in agricultural production.

Maria Mahar - Board Secretary

Maria serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Onondaga County. She was appointed by the Onondaga County Legislature in December of 2013, and serves in her current term until its expiration on 1/1/24.

In addition to her role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Maria is currently the Deputy Commissioner of Adult & Long Term Care Services of Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services. Maria attended State University of Oneonta, graduating 1980, Syracuse University, graduating 2006, and American Dietetic Association Leadership Institute, graduation 2007. Maria is also a Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist (2000), registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (2003), Training in Adult Weight Management(2016) and ServSafe Certified (2019). Maria has collaborated with many organizations to improve food distribution to low income neighborhoods located in food deserts. Maria continues to volunteer with various associations and programs related to her work in nutrition. Maria currently resides in Fayetteville, NY with her husband.

Geoff Palmer - Commissioner's Representative

Geoff serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative for the Commissioner of Agriculture. He was appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture to serve as his representative in December of 2021, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Geoff Palmer is the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. For the last 12 years, he has been at the Department of Agriculture and Markets and is responsible for the executive leadership coordination and management of the legislative communications program and intergovernmental affairs at the municipal, state, and federal level. Prior to serving in this capacity, he was the Legislative Liaison at the New York State Department of Labor.

Before working in the Executive Branch, Mr. Palmer served as a Legislative Director for a State Senator who was the agriculture chair, in this capacity he led and managed the operations of the Albany NY office, including teams of legislative, regulatory and committee analysts. He began his career working in the New York State Assembly in 2000 and has worked with countless upstate members providing policy guidance and legislative support.

Mr. Palmer holds a bachelor's degree from DePauw University in Greencastle Indiana. He has also taken courses at American University in Washington DC and has completed the New York State Aspiring Leaders course and the Governor's office of Employee Relations and University

at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, New York State Leadership Institute.
He lives in Guilderland NY, with his wife and two teenage boys.

Tricia Kerr

Tricia serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Cayuga County. She was appointed by the Cayuga County Legislature in 2022, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to her role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Tricia is a District 12 Cayuga County Legislator (NOP) representing a portion of the City of Auburn.

Born and raised in Auburn, Tricia has lived and worked in the Central New York region for nearly twenty-five years as a planner, community and economic developer, and grant writer primarily in the public and nonprofit sectors. As former staff to the Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, she helped permanently protect over 6000 acres of farmland in Cayuga County. She has secured funds to support local farmers markets, food recovery, SNAP outreach and education, food pantry expansion, and other food security initiatives. Trish served for two years as a Board member of Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District. She is interested in agricultural affairs, soil health, global food security, ag. tech innovation, nutrition, and supporting the next generation of farmers. Trish is an MBA graduate of Quantic School of Business and Technology, BA graduate of SUNY ESF and AS graduate of SUNY Cayuga Community College. She is employed as a grant writer and marketing specialist by East Hill Medical Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Auburn NY providing primary care to County residents regardless of ability to pay. She resides in Auburn NY with her husband, dog Jerry and cat Chessie.

Chip Pratt

Chip serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Madison County. He was appointed by the Madison County Board of Supervisors in December of 2013, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Chip has a long standing background in agriculture and production, as well as spending time serving the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Currently retired, Chip first served the Authority as a representative on the Board of Directors for the Commissioner of Agriculture, before he was later appointed as a representative for his county.

Martin Broccoli

Martin serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Oneida County. He was appointed by the Oneida County Board of Legislators in February of 2007, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Martin currently serves (June of 2000 to present) as the Agriculture and Economic Development Program Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County. In this role, Martin is responsible to oversee that the tasks outlined in Oneida County's Farmland Protection Plan (2000 and 2017) are followed and implemented. His other experiences include; (2018 to present) Adjunct Instructor of Business at Mohawk Valley Community College. (1995-2000) Assistant Professor of Agriculture Business and Meat Technology Program Director at SUNY Cobleskill. (1984-2017) Adjunct Professor of Business at Utica College. (2005 to present) do consulting outreach for meat processing projects throughout New York on behalf of the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets. (1976 to 1992) Vice-President of Marketing & Sales for the Utica Beef and Veal Company. (1992-1995). Marketing Coordinator for CADE. Boards that Martin serves include: Oneida County Farmland Protection Board, Central NY Regional Market Authority Board of Directors, Mohawk Valley Economic Development District Board of Directors, Vernon Verona Sherrill Schools Ag. Advisory Board, and the Mohawk Valley Farm to School Advisory Board.

JoAnn Delaney

JoAnn serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Onondaga County. She was appointed by the Onondaga County Legislature in August of 1997, and serves in her current term until its expiration on 1/1/27.

In addition to her role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, JoAnn is a 4th generation farmer on a NYS century farm with 40 years of experience as the owner and operator. Her education includes Bishop Ludden High School and Cornell University. She currently is the chair of the Governance Committee for the CNYRMA. She is currently involved with NYS IPM and CCE of Onondaga County on the Grower advisory Committees. She is a current member of NYS Farm Bureau and NYS Agriculture Society. She currently is an United States Figure Skating Judge. She was the past Chair of Onondaga County Sludge Advisory Committee, and the past president of the Board of Directors of the CNYRMA. She is interested in good agricultural practices, food safety and food security, the environment, and working to keep local agriculture strong for her community. She lives in Onondaga County with her husband. She has two grown sons that will be the 5th generation to own and operate Delaney Farms.

Adam Carvell

Adam serves on the CNY Regional Market Authority's Board of Directors as a representative from Madison County. He was appointed by the Madison County Legislature in July of 2023, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing body.

In addition to his role on the Board of Directors for the CNY Regional Market Authority, Adam and his family have operated their family owned distillery, Old Home Distillers since 2015 located in Lebanon, NY. They began selling on our retail market in 2017.