

## **NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD (NFWB)**

### **Directors and Management**

The NFWB is governed by a five member board. Three members are required to be city residents at all times. Board members receive no compensation, but can be reimbursed for reasonable expenses required to attend board meetings. Members are appointed through the offices of elected officials with one member appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the NYS Senate, one member appointed by the NYS Assembly, one member appointed by the Mayor of Niagara Falls and one member appointed by the City of Niagara Falls Council. The members are:

**Mr. Ted Janese III, Esq.** Mr. Janese serves as NFWB Chair and was appointed on January 24, 2011 by the NYS Senate. His term expires on December 31, 2015. Mr. Janese is on the Audit, Finance and Budget Committee and also serves as FOIL Appeals Officer. Mr. Janese holds a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Buffalo.

**Ms. Renae Kimble.** Ms. Kimble was appointed on February 24, 2012. Her term expires on December 31, 2014. Previously, Ms. Kimble served as a Niagara County Legislator from January 1994 to December 2011. She held leadership positions including Deputy Minority Leader, Vice Chairman and Majority Leader during her tenure as a legislator. She holds a Juris Doctor Degree and a Bachelor Degree, both from the University of Buffalo, as well as an Associate Degree from Niagara County Community College. Ms. Kimble serves on the NFWB Governance Committee.

**Ms. Gretchen Leffler.** Ms. Leffler is the current NFWB Vice- Chair appointed by the Governor of New York and serves on the Audit, Finance Committee. Ms. Leffler was appointed in February 19, 2013 and her term expires on December 31, 2016.

**Mr. Gary Laible.** Mr. Laible appointed by the Niagara Falls City Council on April 29, 2015. His term expires on December 31, 2017. Mr. Laible serves on the Governance Committee and is in his first term as a NFWB member and also a former employee of the NFWB.

**Mr. Laurence Edwards.** Mr. Edwards currently serves as NFWB Treasurer and was appointed by the Niagara Falls City Mayor on January 23, 2013. His term expires on December 31, 2016. Mr. Edwards also serves on the Governance Committee.

Executive Management Team

**Mr. Paul Drof.** Mr. Drof serves as the NFWB Executive Director, as well as Secretary to the Board. Mr. Drof has over 30 years of progressive experience in the environmental water and wastewater industry. Mr. Drof received a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York at Fredonia (SUNY-Fredonia). He also conducted post-graduate studies in biology at SUNY-Fredonia. He is a licensed water treatment plant operator and a licensed wastewater treatment operator in New York State. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Drof served as Superintendent of Water/Wastewater Treatment for the City of North Tonawanda, NY. Mr. Drof is compensated \$102,500 annually in his position.