

THE MECCA CENTER 2022 BOARD CANDIDATES



The Mecca Center encourages members to participate in our in-person General Assembly & Election Day on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Ballots will be available on Thursday, November 17th at The Mecca Center between 9 AM and 12 PM for early voting (in case you are unable to attend the General Assembly) and between 6 PM and 8:30 PM during the General Assembly. For questions or more information, please email elections@meccacenter.org. Please learn more about our six (6) Board candidates:

KUDSI
AMRO



Amro is a senior technology executive. He has over 20 years of delivery record of complex global products, solid leadership skills, managing large scale distributed teams in addition to strong software engineering background. Currently, Head of Payment financial products at Radial Inc. Previously, Executive Director at JPMorganChase. Has national awards including 2 US patents. Since joining Mecca board, Amro established the Technology committee that is running the entire masjid networks, PCs, websites, cloud, mobile-apps, backend school systems, donations, to name few. Saving the masjid hundreds of thousands of dollars. Amro resides in Westmont with his wife and children.

DIAB
RAND



Rand currently serves on TMC board of Trustees and chairs TMC Wellness Committee. As one of the founders of TMC Convert group, and has served TMC in various other capacities over the past 10 years, such as emcee for annual dinner, speaker at youth programs, and Quran teacher both to converts and youth. Rand is also a founder and board member of Carriers of Light School, and a board member and coach for ChiTownMuslimah Athletics. She has participated in both medical and humanitarian work overseas and will be part of the team leading the upcoming Mecca-IAC relief trip to Turkiye. Rand is an ophthalmologist who lives in Burr Ridge with her husband and children.

AYDONER
BILAL



Salaam Alaikum! I'm Bilal Aydoner and I live with my wife Emine and 4 kids in Darien, IL. With aMBA in Program Management and I have been in the IT industry for nearly 20 years. I am currently a Director at Microsoft, focused on providing consulting for our enterprise clients. I joined the TMC community back in 2017, where I quickly started working on programs such as optimizing parking for Jummah prayers, Personal Development Program, and Ramadan iftar drives for the needy. I'm now leading the Career Orientation Development program. Besides TMC, I have been partnering with Rohingya Center for close to 10 years collaborating with Brother Nasir Zakaria, driving Zakat and Qurbani outreach programs.

**AKBAR
SABAH**



Sabah Akbar is a Chicago native and long-time member of the MECCA community. She earned her bachelor's from Benedictine University and her Doctor of Optometry in Chicago. She has volunteered with various local organizations over the years, including as a presenter for the Islamic Speakers Bureau and an interfaith coordinator with the Sisterhood of Shalom Salaam. She currently serves on the Health & Wellness and Family Committees at the MECCA Center. Sabah practices in primary vision care. She lives in Willowbrook with her husband and two daughters. She enjoys the outdoors, fitness, reading and classes to further her Islamic knowledge.

**HUSSAIN
AJAZ**



Dr. Syed Ajaz Hussain, Ph.D. with all his passion rooted in education, will continue to provide visionary and strategic leadership to enhance and expand the Mecca Center's education program. He has been involved with the center from its inception, serving as chair of the education committee. Currently, he is a member of the finance committee. Furthermore, working with our educational and religious affairs committees develops state-of-the-art teaching models and tools for nurturing our youth and future leaders. He is proud to be apart of the community's needs using many programs such as Sunday School, Quran Blossom (Baraem), Mecca Quran Institute (MQI), and English Literacy Program.

**FAROOQ
LUBNA**



Lubna Farooq is a dedicated supporter of The Mecca Center. She has volunteered her time and has served on the TMC Board and various Committees – The PR/Interfaith Committee, Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Active Adults Committee. She has been representing TMC on the Community Collaboration Initiative for the Community Centers sector for the past three years. She was a key contributor to the CCI grant funding application process for the Mental Health initiative at TMC and was instrumental in obtaining a grant of \$50,000 for TMC.

As a corporate executive on the professional front, she is able to align her management skills in various disciplines. By the grace of Allah, 2 years ago she founded and manages the charity – LEAN Foundation USA that serves the poor and needy overseas, and focuses on helping the struggling women and victims of abuse in the Chicagoland area.