BEAU TAYLOR

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PROFILE

Public sector executive with 23 years of experience implementing transformative policy in Michigan and internationally. Proven track record in long-term capital budgeting, bond finance, organizational leadership, and board governance. Founded one of Michigan's most successful pre-apprenticeship programs. Son of educators and a teachers union executive. Troy parent and Larson Middle School community member. Published author.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA) — New York University, Stern School of Business
Bachelor of Arts, Finance — Michigan State University, Eli Broad College of Business
Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification — City of Detroit / Moresteam

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Public Lighting Authority of Detroit | ***Executive Director / CEO*** | 2017 – Present

- Restructured management team to conclude $185M capital program and implement continuous maintenance program for 65,000-light, 900-circuit streetlight grid.
- Leveraged interest rate environment to convert stagnant capital fund into laddered T-bill portfolio ensuring 20-year system funding with zero additional cost to the City.
- Founded the PLANT Program (Public Lighting Authority Nurturing Talent) — one of Michigan's most successful pre-apprenticeship programs, achieving 70%+ minority participation in partnership with IBEW and local contractors.
- Promoted diverse and inclusive culture through union partnerships and internal talent development.
- Provided energy policy expertise to City leadership on vehicle electrification, renewable energy, and infrastructure planning.

Asplundh Construction – Midwest | ***Regional Manager*** | 2016 – 2017

- Oversaw $100M+ in capital projects for utilities across 4 states; coordinated 150+ IBEW workers.

City of Detroit | ***Director / Administrator of Public Lighting*** | 2013 – 2016

Office of Mayor Mike Duggan | Office of Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr

- Overhauled all aspects of municipal electric utility — significant reliability improvements and cost savings.
- Negotiated public-private partnership with DTE Energy to revamp Detroit electric infrastructure.
- Ensured utility restructuring protected workforce — net increase in union jobs with higher pay and better benefits.
- Testified before Detroit City Council; represented City in national media including USA Today and Wall Street Journal.

City of Detroit | ***Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer*** | 2011 – 2013

Office of Mayor Dave Bing

- Executive oversight of municipal electric utility and transportation — 700+ employees, $350M+ combined budget.
- Crafted bipartisan 3-bill legislative package to create and finance the Public Lighting Authority; lobbied local and state officials.
- Coordinated energy policy with State of Michigan and US Department of Energy.

International Relief & Development – Kandahar, Afghanistan | ***Director of Small Grants*** | 2010

- Managed $24M small grants program focused on community outreach and agricultural development.
- Built relationships with Mayor of Kandahar City and Governor of Kandahar Province.

Aga Khan Foundation – Dushanbe, Tajikistan | ***Senior Program Officer, Rural Development*** | 2009

- Directed largest program component of Aga Khan Foundation in Tajikistan; coordinated cross-border electrification project.

International Relief & Development – Baquba, Iraq | ***Program Operations Manager / Director*** | 2008

- Worked alongside US Army on FOB Warhorse to enhance counter-insurgency efforts in Diyala Province.
- Established relationships with provincial officials and paramount sheikhs to advance diplomatic efforts.

BOARDS, AFFILIATIONS & RECOGNITION

- Named Notable Name in Energy — Crain's Detroit Business
- Board Member — Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues
- Board Member — Board of Chiropractic, State of Michigan
- Board Member — Board of Electrical Examiners, City of Detroit
- Board Member — Board of Appeals, City of Detroit
- Alumni — MBA Enterprise Corp (post-9/11 volunteer economic development)
- Alumni — Detroit Revitalization Fellows Program, Wayne State University

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL

- Published author
- Youth basketball coach — son's team
- Former substitute teacher
- Troy School District parent — son Maxad, 7th grade, Larson Middle School
- Son of educators: mother was a teachers association president and principal; father was a 30-year MEA executive

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