

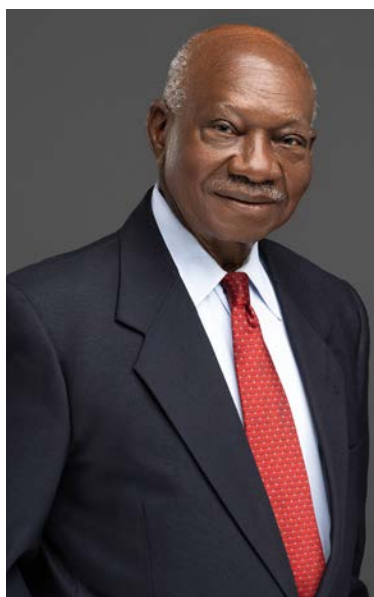
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NEW COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRMAN DR. A. ZACHARY YAMBA RETIRES



New Community Board of Directors Chairman Dr. A. Zachary Yamba has retired from his position with the organization, effective Dec. 31, 2023. Yamba joined the Board in September 2012 and became Chairman in June 2018 following the passing of NCC founder and Board Chairman Monsignor William J. Linder.

Yamba was involved with New Community long before his official capacity as a member of the Board of Directors. He was a parishioner of Queen of Angels Church where Monsignor Linder served as priest during the founding of New Community. He had been asked to join the Board prior to 2012 but declined because of his employment responsibilities. After he retired, he joined New Community's Board of Directors.

He has enjoyed being able to give back to the community through his work on NCC's Board.

"The myriad of services that New Community offers are critical to the total well-being of the community. And that has been my passion all along," Yamba said.

During his service with the Board of Directors, Yamba oversaw the re-syndication of NCC housing, helped lead the organization through the COVID-19 pandemic, established Board committees to have closer working relationships with NCC leadership staff, assisted in the re-accreditation process for New Community Career & Technical Institute, led NCC through times of leadership transition and helped relaunch the organization's Golfing for a Cause fundraiser following the pandemic.

NCC Interim Board Chairman Edgar Nemorin said Yamba has been an ambassador, advocate and steward to New Community.

"As Board Chairman, he successfully ensured that New Community Corporation continued its mission of providing services to the residents of Newark," Nemorin said. "Although he has resigned as a Board Member and Board Chairman of NCC, we know that he is only a phone call away to assist us in fulfilling our mission."

Under Yamba's direction, the Board worked with senior leadership after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and safety of NCC employees, residents and clients while maintaining the necessary services to the community. He also led the organization through two leadership transitions: the passing of Monsignor Linder and the retirement of CEO Richard Rohrman. He was instrumental in the search process for NCC's

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current CEO Simone Gagneron.

“Dr. Yamba defines what it means to be in public service. The dedication and support he has provided to New Community and the people of Newark is extraordinary,” Gagneron said. “He has clearly set the stage for others to follow. I would like to thank him personally and professionally for his guidance.”

Yamba said New Community’s mission is just as relevant today as it was in 1968 when the organization was founded and that its offerings continue to be vital.

“It’s my hope and prayer and certainly part of Monsignor’s vision that these services will continue to be provided as long as we have people who need them,” Yamba said.

In addition to his work with New Community, Yamba has served the community in a variety of roles in the areas of education and community development.

Yamba is President Emeritus of Essex County College. He served as President from 1980 to 2010, which is the longest tenure for that position at the school. He was also involved with the institution well before leading it. Yamba joined the humanities faculty when the college opened in 1968 and served as Dean of Faculty before he was appointed President in May 1980.

Current Essex County College President Dr. Augustine Boakye said Yamba strengthened the community through his work.

“Our Essex County College family and the Essex Community owe Dr. Yamba a debt of gratitude for enriching our lives and making education the cornerstone of community engagement and development,” he said.

Yamba served as a commissioner of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools for more than a decade and is a founding member of the Presidents’ Round Table, an affiliate of the National Council on Black American Affairs of the

American Association of Community Colleges. His other past affiliations include serving on the boards of the Essex County WIB, Newark Downtown Redevelopment Corporation, American Conference on Diversity, Christ the King Prep Academy, Council of Higher Education in Newark (CHEN) and Newark Boys Chorus School. He is also an Emeritus Board Member of Victoria Foundation.

“For decades, Dr. A. Zachary Yamba has been one of Newark’s great educators and activists. Whether as President of Essex County College, Chairman of the New Community Corporation Board or Commissioner of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, he has mentored and inspired his colleagues, students and residents of our city. His legacy is firm in the hearts and minds of the generations he empowered in his many endeavors,” said Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka. “As Dr. Yamba enters this new phase of his life, we thank him for his leadership and service to Newark, and wish him joy and success for the future.”

Victoria Foundation Executive Officer Craig Drinkard said the City of Newark, Essex County and the State of New Jersey are all better places because of Yamba’s leadership.

“His tireless and regal service to Newark and all of humanity spans decades and has helped to transform the lives of countless individuals and families,” Drinkard said.

Urban League of Essex County President and CEO Vivian Cox Fraser said Yamba has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to advancing opportunities for families.

“As President of Essex County College and his leadership on the Board of New Community, Zack never lost sight of the people he was there to serve and help.”

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Yamba was awarded honorary degrees from his alma mater, Rutgers University and the University of Development Studies in Ghana. In 1980, Yamba, an All-America soccer player, was inducted into Seton Hall’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

REFLECTIONS ON DR. YAMBA AND HIS WORK



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba gives remarks at New Community’s Memorial Tribute to late NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder on Oct. 23, 2018.

“There are many words to describe Dr. Yamba and his passion for the mission of NCC, the NCC community and the residents of Newark. Of the many words that come to mind, he has been an ambassador, advocate and steward to New Community. As Board Chairman, he successfully ensured that New Community Corporation continued its mission of providing services to the residents of Newark. Personally, he has been a mentor and a friend.

As an NCC Board member for over 12 years, Dr. Yamba has provided oversight into the re-syndication of our housing properties. Additionally, he was able to assist in the re-accreditation of our workforce development programs.

Dr. Yamba led the search process with other Board members to hire the new CEO of New Community Corporation.

He also collaborated with NCC staff to implement measures in response to COVID-19 to protect the



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba with other members of the NCC Board of Directors during a Christmas celebration on Dec. 18, 2018.

health and safety of employees and residents of NCC.

Under his leadership as Chairman, he established committees within the Board that can work directly with the NCC leadership in completing our financial and strategic goals.

He also assisted in the re-launch of our annual golf outing, which was suspended due to the pandemic. It is one of the major fundraisers for NCC where the funds assist our Youth Services Department and the Monsignor Linder Scholarship Fund.

Although he has resigned as a Board Member and Board Chairman of NCC, we know that he is only a phone call away to assist us in fulfilling our mission.”

Edgar Nemorin
New Community Board of Directors Interim Chairman

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New Community leadership members broke ground for Better Life on Sept. 28, 2016. Pictured left to right: Richard Rohrman, NCC CEO; Madge Wilson, Outreach Coordinator and Board Member; Steven Sciarretta, Principal, Claremont Construction; Dr. A. Zachary Yamba; Monsignor William J. Linder, NCC founder; and Newton Richards, Board Member.

“I want to take a moment to celebrate the amazing life-long work of Dr. A. Zachary Yamba. His tireless and regal service to Newark and all of humanity spans decades and has helped to transform the lives of countless individuals and families. In addition to transforming lives, his inspirational and visionary leadership has also transformed numerous institutions such as Essex County College. The City of Newark, Essex County and the State of New Jersey are all better places because of his leadership and diplomacy. We salute you, my friend and mentor!”

Craig Drinkard
Victoria Foundation Executive Officer

“Dr. Yamba has demonstrated a lifelong commitment and dedication to advancing opportunities for families. As President of Essex County College and his leadership on the Board of New Community, Zack never lost sight of

the people he was there to serve and help. He exemplifies the true meaning of servant leader. He led with compassion, integrity and humility. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors!”

Vivian Cox Fraser
Urban League of Essex County President and CEO

“Thank you, Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, for your wisdom, vision and dedication to the continued strengthening of our vibrant community in Essex County. Essex County College is proud of your work in higher education culminating in your long-term service as President of our great institution. Your commitment to public service continued in New Community Corporation where you have served as Chairman of the Board of Directors until your retirement in December 2023.

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Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, left, during the cocktail hour of Golfing for a Cause on Oct. 5, 2023 with New Community CEO Simone Gagneron, Essex County College President Dr. Augustine Boakye and New Community CFO Elizabeth Mbakaya.

Community owe you a debt of gratitude for enriching our lives and making education the cornerstone of community engagement and development.

Thank you and best of luck.”

Dr. Augustine Boakye
Essex County College President

“Over the years, Dr. Yamba emerged as a leader who tirelessly worked toward the betterment of his community. Whether through civic engagement, advocacy or mentorship, he dedicated himself to fostering unity and understanding among the diverse members of the community. He was not just a leader; he was a guiding force, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence and to embrace the collective strength that comes from unity. And unadulterated hope remained his constant mantra until his recent retirement.

The late Monsignor William J. Linder supported



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, right, with late New Community founder Monsignor William J. Linder at one of New Community’s past galas.

Dr. Yamba in achieving his personal and leadership goals throughout his life. Believing wholeheartedly in the mission of outreach, he joined Monsignor on the New Community Corporation Board of Directors and quickly became an integral part of the body where his overarching goal was making a difference in the lives of inner-city residents as he employed innovative ways to do whatever was necessary for the common collective.

Dr. Yamba’s legacy will undoubtedly live on in the hearts and minds of those who were touched, led and mentored by his warmth, wisdom and unwavering commitment to making a difference. As we bid farewell to this chapter of his amazing life as our beloved community leader, let us carry forward the torch of his legacy. May we, like Dr. Yamba, continue to build bridges, foster understanding and work toward a more inclusive and harmonious community.

Thank you, Dr. Yamba, for your enduring impact on us all.”

Madge Wilson
New Community Board of Directors Ex-Officio

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Dr. A. Zachary Yamba speaks about the life and legacy of NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder at the ceremony dedicating a plaque to him along Legends Way near the Essex County Government Complex on Oct. 12, 2018.



New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) Executive Director Chuck Richman, NCC CFO Elizabeth Mbakaya, NCC CEO Richard Rohrman, NCC Board Chairman Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, NCC Board Member and Outreach Coordinator Madge Wilson, retired HUD Director and NCC Consultant Diane Johnson and Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver, left to right, pose with the plaque dedicating The Monsignor William J. Linder Executive Board Room for NJHMFA on Aug. 9, 2018.

“Dr. Yamba was a wonderful leader. He spent an enormous amount of time, almost since the creation of NCC, serving the organization. He’s been a leader in the community as president of Essex County College and has sat on various nonprofit organizations throughout the community.”

Diane Johnson
New Community Board of Directors Member

“Dr. Yamba has been an inspiration to many people that have come across his path during his tenure at NCC and in the City of Newark. His dedication to public and nonprofit service will surely be missed.”

Fernando Colon
New Community Board of Directors Member

“I am very fortunate to have worked closely with Monsignor Linder and Dr. Yamba, two of the most persistent and effective advocates



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, right, with NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder at Monsignor’s 75th birthday mass reception on June 5, 2011.

for the residents of Newark. As CEO, I benefited immensely from Dr. Yamba’s vast experience and sound judgment. He has been a steady hand whose commitment to NCC’s mission never

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Dr. A. Zachary Yamba with NCC Outreach Coordinator and Board Member Madge Wilson at New Community’s Memorial Tribute to late NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder on Oct. 23, 2018.

wavered and was invaluable during the difficult days when COVID was threatening our clients and programs. Dr. Yamba’s positive impact on the Newark community will continue beyond his work at NCC. His dedication to the young people of Newark and Essex County truly spanned a lifetime. Thank you, Dr. Yamba, and may you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.”

Richard Rohrman
New Community Corporation Retired CEO (2013-2021)

“As you retire from your position on the Board, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and invaluable service to New Community Corporation (NCC). Your contributions have left a mark on our organization, and your presence will be sincerely missed.

Throughout your tenure, your wisdom, insight



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba participates in New Community’s Golfing for a Cause fundraiser on June 27, 2017.



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, right, with late New Community founder Monsignor William J. Linder, left, and New Community Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri at a past NCC Christmas celebration.

and commitment have guided us through both challenges and triumphs. Your leadership has been instrumental in shaping the direction of our organization, and your passion for our mission has inspired us all to strive for excellence.

Beyond your professional expertise, it is your

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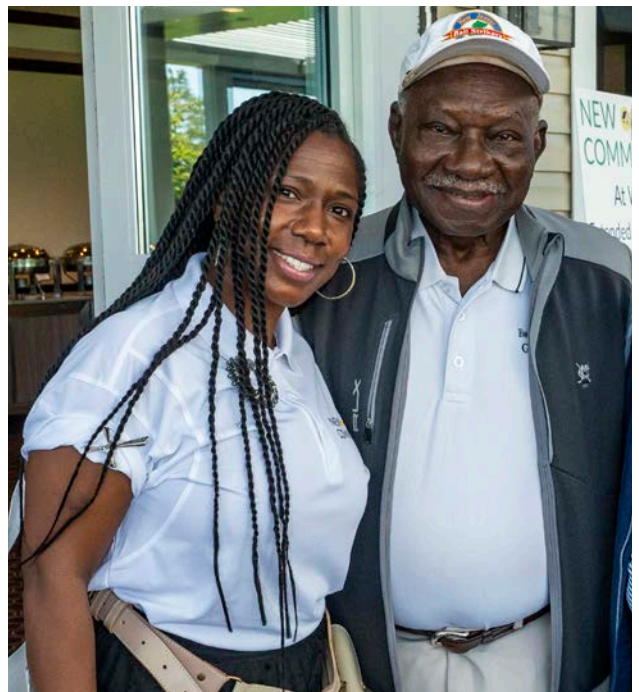
Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, center, with members of the NCC Board of Directors during the retirement celebration for CEO Richard Rohrman on May 20, 2021.

kindness, integrity and genuine care for our team and the community we serve that have made a lasting impression. Your willingness to listen, collaborate and mentor others has fostered a culture of inclusivity and empowerment that will endure long after your departure.

As you embark on this new chapter in your life, please know that your legacy will continue to inspire us to uphold the standards of excellence that you have set. Your impact will be felt for years to come, and we are immensely grateful for the time and energy you have invested in our community.

On behalf of the entire NCC team, please accept our sincerest thanks and best wishes for the future. May your retirement be filled with joy, fulfillment and PLENTY OF GOLF!"

Simone Gagneron
New Community Corporation CEO



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Dr. A. Zachary Yamba at NCC's Golfing for a Cause fundraiser on Oct. 5, 2023.