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Honorable City Council
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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Geline Williams of 12 Hereford Road, Waban 02468 as a Newton Library Trustee. Her term of office shall expire on June 30, 2027 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
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GELINE W. WILLIAMS

Professional Profile 2022

Geline W. Williams and her husband, Bruce W. Edmands, have resided in the Village of Waban since 1984.

A native of Richmond, Virginia and a graduate of Manhattanville College in New York, Ms. Williams earned her M.L.S. from the Simmons School of Library Science in 1974. Immediately upon graduation, she assumed the newly-created position of Adult Services Librarian for the Framingham Public Library, where she helped initiate a host of programs and services, including a specialized branch library to serve the town's growing Hispanic population, and on-site Bookmobile services to the women at M.C.I. Framingham.

Turning to the law, Ms. Williams graduated from Suffolk Law School, *cum laude*, in 1977. She spent her career as a trial attorney on both the civil and criminal sides. She joined the Plymouth County District Attorney's office where, over the course of 15 years, she served as Chief of the Child Abuse Unit, Chief of the Family Protection Unit and as Deputy First Assistant District Attorney. She became a seasoned trial attorney with extensive experience in homicide, sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse investigations and prosecutions, and tried the first Massachusetts priest to be convicted by a jury of child rape.

Evolving from trial work to policy and training matters, from 2000 to 2013, Ms. Williams served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (MDAA), an independent state agency that coordinates information technology, training, and policy initiatives for the eleven elected Massachusetts District Attorneys and their fifteen hundred employees. During the Boston Archdiocese child abuse scandal, Ms. Williams was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General to facilitate the flow of case information between the district attorneys' offices and Attorney General Tom Reilly's office.

Now a retired attorney, Ms. Williams, for the past twenty years, has served as a board member (including as president) of the Gifford School, a private non-profit school for children with learning, behavioral and emotional challenges in Weston, MA.

Since her appointment in 2017 by then-Mayor Warren, Ms. Williams has served on the Board of Trustees of the Newton Free Library where she chairs the Development Committee.