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**NAIOP Greater Philadelphia Appoints Phillip Butler, Sr. of MRA Group  
as Chair of the Board of Directors**

***Philadelphia commercial real estate leaders Maleda Berhane, Daniel Killinger,  
Andrew Mele and Jennifer Rosenberg Named to Board Seats***

**PHILADELPHIA – December 5, 2022** – NAIOP Greater Philadelphia has tapped Phil Butler, Sr., Senior Vice President & Partner at MRA Group, to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 term. His presidency was announced at the organization’s Holiday Luncheon today. He will take the helm from Joe Ritchie, Managing Director of Business Development and Head of Diversity and Inclusion at Tishman Speyer, who has served as the Chair since 2021.

Butler joined the board in 2020, most recently chairing the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. During the last two years he has led the growth of the organization’s commitment to DEI through the expansion of the NAIOP-Drexel Summer Program for high school students of color, the creation of a college summer internship program and the soon-to-be-launched college externship program, and through educational programs for Developing Leaders (under age 35) and the general membership.

“Phil is that rare leader who is also a team player, who goes out of his way to include members in programs and create opportunities for mentorship,” said Ritchie. “He already has a long list of ideas and plans for the coming year, and we are excited to see what happens next.”

Ritchie’s two-year term is ending, having steered the chapter through the pandemic. He will remain on the Board as previous past chair.

“Through all the unknowns, Joe kept us on an even keel, making sure that members felt a part of this community and we owe him a debt of thanks,” said Sarah Maginnis, Executive Director. “He kept us focused on our mission of advocacy, education and diversity so successfully that we have grown our membership by more than 70% during the last year.”

### **New Board Members Take Seats**

Butler joined MRA Group in 2018 and over the course of the last four years has taken a leadership role in MRA's day-to-day operations, development and advisory functions.

"My focus is to expand the reach of our DEI, mentoring, government affairs and educational initiatives while implementing innovative and measurable ways to enhance our community impact," said Butler. "We have tremendous momentum coming out of the last year. We're creating a world-class organization that will continue to benefit and serve the Philadelphia region. I am excited to continue to work with this Board of tremendously talented people."

Butler came to MRA from Rittenhouse Strategies where he was a Founding Partner and the Managing Principal. Prior to that, he held several real estate leadership positions as owner/developer, service provider and in corporate real estate.

Four new board members were also announced at today's event, including:

Maleda Berhane, Principal & CEO of AR Spruce. AR Spruce is an MBE and WBE-certified real estate services and development company. Berhane heads the company's project management services including community, client and vendor relations.

Daniel Killinger, President, National Real Estate Development. The company is the wholly owned development management subsidiary of National Real Estate Advisors, LLC. Killinger, who joined the company in 2013, is responsible for the overall execution of a \$2B portfolio.

Andrew Mele, Managing Director and Business Unit Leader, Trammel Crow Company's. Mele leads the Northeast Regional office, where he has developed more than 28 million square feet of space since 2011.

Jennifer Rosenberg, Development Director, Keystone Property Group. Rosenberg, who specializes in the reinvention of the company's suburban and Center City, Philadelphia mixed-use assets, joined the company in 2014.

### **About NAIOP Greater Philadelphia**

NAIOP Greater Philadelphia, a chapter of the National Real Estate Development Association, is the leading organization for developers, owners and related professionals in office, industrial and mixed-use real estate. Our mission is to help developers solve everyday problems, influence effective public policy, engage a diverse membership, and provide professional development that supports our members and their businesses.

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