



Meet Jocelyn Vana

I believe effective board members have a responsibility to listen carefully to diverse perspectives, approach decisions with an open mind, and act in the best interests of the community and the organization's mission.

Jocelyn Vana is a finance and operations leader with more than 15 years of experience across the nonprofit, government, and transportation sectors. She currently serves as **Finance Procurement Liaison for the Illinois Tollway**, where she leads agency-wide vendor management, contract governance, and policy development initiatives. Jocelyn holds an MBA with honors from DePaul University's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

As a **parent of two children under the age of five and a resident of Bartlett**, Jocelyn is passionate about ensuring families have access to the resources they need to help children thrive. **She brings both professional expertise and personal experience navigating early childhood resources, along with a strong commitment to community impact and high-quality early learning opportunities.**

Jocelyn looks forward to contributing her financial, operational, and family-centered perspective to EPEL's mission of supporting young children and their families.