

Shirley R. Stancato

Elected president and chief executive officer of New Detroit on January 13, 2003, Shirley R. Stancato is the first woman in the coalition's history to be elected to this position. Prior to her tenure with New Detroit, Stancato spent more than 30 years with Bank One, formerly known as NBD Bank. She began her banking career as a college student and rose through the ranks to senior vice president.

A lifelong Detroit resident, Stancato earned a BA in sociology from Wayne State University and an MA in industrial relations from WSU's College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs. She received the Wayne State University Organization of Black Alumni Award in 1998 and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association of Community Leadership in 1997. In 1998 Stancato was recognized as one of Crain's Detroit Business Top 100 Black Business Leaders, and in 2002, as one of Crain's 100 Most Influential Women. In 2003 she was named by Corp! Magazine as one of Michigan's Most Powerful African-American Women and by Crain's as a 2003 Regional Power Broker.

Stancato serves on the boards of the Detroit Zoological Society, Coleman A. Young Foundation, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Schools of the 21st Century, City Connect Detroit, The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, and Detroit Black Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Visitors Wayne State University College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs, Tourism Economic Development Council, Super Bowl XL Host Committee, University of Michigan Dearborn Advisory Board, and the St. John Health System. Stancato is the chair emeritus of Alternatives for Girls and past chair of the boards of the Detroit Urban League and Operation ABLE.