

Sheila Brillson Matias serves as a member of the La Porte County Commission. In addition, she is Executive Director of the Leadership institute at Purdue Northwest and the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest.

As a former public-school teacher, non-profit manager, neighborhood activist, two-term councilwoman and two-term mayor of Michigan City, Sheila has expertise in government operations, community development, and quality improvement.

She has led successful ventures in community health initiatives, education and capital project planning/implementation.

She has worked collaboratively at the regional, state and federal level on diverse matters including education, leadership, public safety, healthcare and the environment.

It was under her leadership that the original Michigan City Economic Development Corporation was established 25 years ago along with other community leaders. She put into place the groundwork for what the EDCMC is today.

Sheila has a B.A. from John Carroll University and an M.A. from Valparaiso University. Sheila is married to Dr. Reinaldo Matias; she has a blended family of 8 adult children and is a proud grandmother.

She has volunteered her time over the years at the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Save the Dunes, Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement, Dunebrook Community Partners and Salvation Army.

