



Bob Rivers

Chair and CEO of Eastern Bank

A 37-year community banker who started his career as a teller and bank janitor in his hometown of Stoughton, Bob is Chair and CEO of Eastern Bank, America's oldest and largest mutual bank. He is also Chair of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable and The Dimock Center. Under Bob's leadership, Eastern has developed an advocacy platform to complement its commitment to community service and philanthropy, using its voice to support various issues and communities that are considered underserved, including gender and racial disparities, immigrants, and military veterans and their families. In honor of its bicentennial in 2018 and first customer, Rebecca Sutton, Eastern selected "Advancing Women" as its Targeted Grant category, supporting the work of over 200 nonprofits in addressing gender disparities in health care, education, child care, businesses, and society generally. Eastern's support of South Shore Stars began in 1999 and it has supported various programs and initiatives through the years. Bob is involved extensively in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Jobs for Mass, and The Lowell Plan. He also is a member of the Board of Trustees of Stonehill College, the Board of Corporators of Lowell General Hospital, the Advisory Boards of the Lawrence Partnership and JFK Library Foundation, and is a member of the Boston Women's Workforce Council. Bob has been named among the Top 10 "Most Influential People in Boston" by Boston Magazine, and to the Boston Business Journal Power 50 list for the last three years.