

# Ronny Sydney

**Ronny Jane Sydney**<sup>[1]</sup> (née **Metz**;<sup>[1]</sup> born July 10, 1938) is an American teacher, lawyer, and politician who represented the 15th Norfolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1999 to 2001.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## Early life and education

She was born on July 10, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York to Ruth Frankel and M. Stanley Metz.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

She graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1960, Newton College with a Master of Education degree in 1972, and from Boston College Law School with a Juris Doctor in 1987.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

She later became a teacher working for the Brookline Public School district.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Legal career

She has practiced law in Boston and Brookline.<sup>[3][5]</sup> She formerly practiced law with Israel, Van Kooy & Days, LLC.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

## Political career

She was a member and later chair of the Brookline Board of Selectmen from 1992 to 1998.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Massachusetts House of Representatives

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**Member of the  
Massachusetts House of  
Representatives  
from the 15th Norfolk district**

#### In office

January 6, 1999 – January 3, 2001

**Preceded by** John Businger

**Succeeded by** Frank Smizik

#### Personal details

**Born** Ronny Jane Metz  
July 10, 1938  
Brooklyn, New York, U.S.

**Political party** Democratic

**Residence(s)** Coconut Creek, Florida

**Education** University of Massachusetts Amherst (BA)  
Newton College (MEd)  
Boston College (JD)

In 1998, Sydney defeated 14-term incumbent John Businger in the Democratic primary for the 15th Norfolk District House seat by 35 votes. She ran unopposed in the general election.<sup>[8]</sup>

In 2000, Sydney lost to Brookline School Committee member Frank Smizik 2,517 votes to 2,336.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Broward County Democratic Party

Between 2017 and 2018 she served as an area leader for the Broward County Democratic Party representing Coconut Creek and Margate in Florida.<sup>[10][11][12]</sup>

## Post-political career

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She was later a family law attorney for the BNI Brookline Networkers.<sup>[7]</sup> She is now retired from practicing law and resides in Coconut Creek, Florida.<sup>[7]</sup>

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