

## Philadelphia Works Welcomes Jasmine Sessoms to its Board of Directors

Philadelphia Works, The City of Philadelphia's local Workforce Development Board (WDB), has a 25-member Board of Directors that serves as an advisory, planning, and policy board under the guidelines of the federal [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#) of 2014. In addition, the Board of Directors also serves as the governing body of the 501(c)(3).

Membership of the Board is composed of business, education, labor, community, and government leaders. Members are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia and membership is guided by WIOA. The Board Chair must be a business representative, and the Board must have a majority of business/private sector members. This assures that the business community is a leading voice in our local workforce system.



Jasmine E. Sessoms is a civic, philanthropic and political leader in the City of Philadelphia. She is a lifelong Philadelphian with a true passion for The City. Jasmine currently serves as Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Hilco Redevelopment Partners; in this role Jasmine oversees community and government outreach efforts and serves as a key liaison to constituent groups throughout the City of Philadelphia. She uses her deep understanding of the community to build trust and foster collaboration between HRP and the residents, groups and institutions it seeks to work with over the long-term.

Early in her tenure at HRP Jasmine worked with the City and the School District of Philadelphia to create the innovative Career Connected Learning Program, that will shape the face of Workforce in Philadelphia for years to come. Jasmine also oversees Hilco Redevelopments Philanthropic efforts, through the Hilco Helps initiatives, which notably during the 2020 Holiday season donated over \$1 million of in-kind items to Philadelphians in need.

Prior to joining Hilco Redevelopment Partners Jasmine served as the Managing Executive Director of The Fund for Philadelphia, where she oversaw \$17 million of grants and awards to deliver on the goals of the Mayor of Philadelphia's philanthropic priorities. She served in this role under Mayor Michael A. Nutter, and Mayor James F. Kenney.

In 2014 Jasmine founded a nonprofit organization She Can Win, whose mission is to train and invest in Women, specifically Women of Color to run for office. To date She Can Win has trained over 900

Philadelphia Works, Inc., the city's workforce development board, is a non-profit, quasi-public organization serving employers and connecting career seekers to employment and training opportunities. We invest public resources in a variety of workforce solutions that drive economic growth, influence the public workforce policies, and optimize funding and resources to build a skilled and thriving workforce. For more information, please visit [philaworks.org](http://philaworks.org).

Women throughout the country. Most recently She Can Win hosted a roundtable discussion in partnership with Vice President Kamala Harris in Philadelphia. Jasmine also founded a Political Consultant Firm in 2015, J&S Strategies. Since its founding J&S Strategies has raised over \$14 Million dollars in political contributions for candidates, causes, and political action committees. Most notable of clients are: Governor Tom Wolf, Mayor James Kenney, The Black Economic Alliance, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, Emily's List, Minority House Whip Representative Jordan A. Harris, Minority House Leader Representative Joanna McClinton, and Congressman Dwight Evans. Jasmine has been recognized both nationally and locally as a political leader.

She has been recognized as Philadelphia Business Journal 40 Under 40 Business Leaders (the first for a consultant firm), PA City & State 40 Under 40 Political Leaders, KWTY's GameChanger, Philadelphia Magazine Women Trailblazer and Philadelphia Style- Most stylist Philadelphian to name a few. Google's Women to Watch.

Jasmine graduated from Morgan State University and holds a master's degree in organizational development and leadership from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She also serves on a multitude of boards and commissions: Governor Tom Wolf's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs, Chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Mayoral Appointee for Philadelphia Works, PA Voices advocacy chair, and Philadelphia250, The Mann Music Center, and Schuylkill River Development Corporation.