

Philadelphia Works Welcomes Kimmell Proctor 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.



A Philadelphia resident, Kimmell is committed to strengthening citywide community access to effective educational opportunities. With a combined twenty years of experience in education, strategic partnerships, and nonprofit services, Kimmell seeks to narrow achievement gaps and empower all learners with the knowledge, tools, and resources essential for success.

After earning both her B.A. in Government and Master of Teaching at the University of Virginia, she began her career in the underserved classrooms of Baltimore with a focus on elevating early literacy instruction that she maintains today as a member of the AIM Institute Advisory Board.

Kimmell recently led the merger of Community Learning Center and Center for Literacy to create Philadelphia's largest Title II agency. As CEO of Beyond Literacy, Kimmell works closely with a wide range of community partners, funders, and families to facilitate collective action and align impactful education solutions.

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.