

Philadelphia Works Welcomes Susan Schonfeld 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.



As Executive Director of Community Integrated Services for over 30 years, Susan has overseen the agency’s remarkable growth from a university pilot program to the region’s largest supported employment agency serving over 2,000 people annually in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Susan has become a “go-to” source of information and expertise in employment services for people with disabilities. She has worked on Senator Bob Casey’s Employment Round-table, sits on the board of Pennsylvania’s APSE chapter, and works as a consultant for other states and organizations on implementing effective community-based employment models.

Susan was the recipient of National APSE’s Best Practices Award in 2014, earned for her unwavering commitment to the best interests of people with disabilities, along with her contributions to the Employment First movement. Susan earned a bachelor’s degree in Special Education from The College of New Jersey and a master’s degree in Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University.

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.