



**STATE EMPLOYEE
★ RECOGNITION DAY ★
AWARDS CEREMONY**



MAY 9, 2024

2024 New Jersey State Employee Recognition Awards

Philip D. Murphy
Governor



Tahesha L. Way
Lt. Governor





STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county, and city levels; and

WHEREAS, these unsung heroes do the work that keep our nation working; and

WHEREAS, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths; and

WHEREAS, many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, healthcare professionals and others risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, public servants include teachers, doctors, and scientists, train conductors and astronauts, nurses and safety inspectors, laborers, computer technicians and social workers, and countless other occupations and day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2024
AS
PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this second day of April in the year two thousand twenty-four, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


GOVERNOR



Ceremony Agenda

CEREMONY OPENING

Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold
The New Jersey State Police

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Christina Taborell
Ombudsperson, Office of the Executive Ombudsperson
Civil Service Commission

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joseph Greer
Chief of Staff
Civil Service Commission

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PayDay!
New Jersey Acapella Quartet

WELCOME AND READING OF PROCLAMATION

Allison Chris Myers
Chair/Chief Executive Officer
Civil Service Commission

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Assemblywoman Tennille R. McCoy
14TH Legislative District of NJ

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



Allison Chris Myers
Chair/Chief Executive Officer
Civil Service Commission

&

Rose-Clair Dunbar
Executive Assistant to the Chair/CEO
Civil Service Commission



CLOSING REMARKS

Allison Chris Myers
Chair/Chief Executive Officer
Civil Service Commission





*Longest Serving
State Employee
Award Winner*

For your dedication and **57 years** of state service to
the State of New Jersey

Ronald Marino
Department of Labor and Workforce Development



Community Service Award Winners

Recognizes an employee who has made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live or to the State through organizational activities outside of the workplace.

Deepthi Chinthapatla

Department of Transportation

Joseph Palumbo

Motor Vehicle Commission

Kimberly Cook

Department of the Treasury

Sr. PST Tina Patmos

New Jersey State Police

Donna Duino

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Helen Rancan

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Stacy Fannin

Department of Community Affairs

John Scannell

*Department of Military
and Veteran Affairs*

Jason Hunter

William Paterson University

Joseph E. Waters

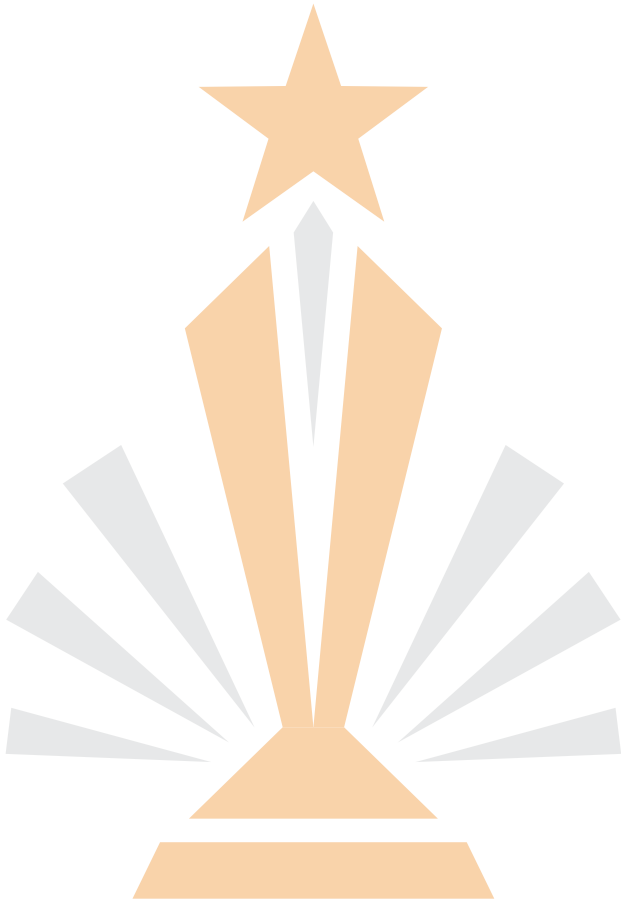
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

David S. Leonardis

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Churchill Nwachuku

Department of Corrections





Heroism Award Winners

Recognizes an employee who was selfless and successful at saving someone who was in a life-threatening situation. This award acknowledges the employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to NJ Citizens.

Nicholas Apostle

Department of Transportation

Samuel Baffoe

Department of Transportation

Levie Baker

Department of Transportation

Michael Behul

Department of Transportation

Andreas Beinert

Department of Transportation

Derelle Berryman

Department of Transportation

Ralph Biondi

Department of Transportation

Stephen Bonamassa

Department of Transportation

John Canova

Department of Transportation

Timothy Cavanagh

Department of Transportation

Katie Cherry

Department of Transportation

Warren Dick

Department of Transportation

John DiGenova

Department of Transportation

Daryl Doughty

Department of Transportation

Frank Farmer

Department of Transportation

Phillip Ferrer

Department of Transportation

Earl Flanagan

Department of Transportation

Tanya Fowler

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Lawrence Gallelo

Department of Transportation

Isaiah Goldsby

Department of Community Affairs

Pasquale Gonnella

Department of Transportation

Jorge Gonzalez

Department of Transportation

Ian Green

Department of Transportation

David Gunning

Department of Transportation

Jonathan Hewitt

Department of Transportation

Bruce Holmes

Department of Transportation

David Jackson

Department of Transportation

Francis Jefferson

Department of Transportation

Kim Jones

Department of Transportation

Ajene Lewis

Department of Transportation

Eriverto Maldonado

Department of Transportation

Veronica Maske

Department of Health

Brian McGrath

Department of Transportation

Dwayne McMillian

Department of Transportation

Michael Metcalf

Department of Transportation

Daniel Murray

Department of Transportation

Paul Nawrocki

Department of Transportation

Charles Newsome

Department of Transportation

Albert Nierodzik

Department of Transportation

Deborah Peer

Department of Transportation

David Perone

Department of Transportation

Antonio Primavera

Department of Transportation

Nadia Pullock

*Department of Military
and Veteran Affairs*

Dominick Puzio

Department of Corrections

Andrew Richards

Department of Transportation

Jose Rivera

Department of Transportation

Kevin Rivera

Department of Transportation

John Ruffino

Department of Transportation

John Scarillo

Department of Transportation

Dante Scoleri

Department of Transportation

Adam Scott

Department of Transportation

Walter Simpson

Department of Transportation

Gordon Smedley

Department of Transportation

Ebony Tyson

Department of Health

Jose Vazquez

Department of Transportation

Charles Vellenga

Department of the Treasury

Matthew Winnans

Department of Transportation

Leonard Zuhlcke

Department of Transportation





Innovation & Efficiency Award Winners

Recognizes an employee who has demonstrated a willingness to identify and implement business processes that make services more accessible to our clients, link budget decisions and program priorities more closely with program performance to achieve cost savings, generate revenue enhancements, implement more efficient methods of service delivery.

Maria Bailey

Juvenile Justice Commission

Veronica Calder

Department of State

Rita Bergen

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Alice Castiglione

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Carmen Biempica

Department of State

Michelle Clinger

Department of State

Morris Boakai

Office of Public Defender

Thomas Contino

Office of Information Technology

Darrell Booker

Office of Information Technology

Jonathan Cordero

Office of Public Defender

Jon Bozard

Department of State

Donald Cornelius

Department of State

Perpetue Cadet

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Carlos Correa

Office of Public Defender

Paulo Cravo

Department of the Treasury

James Cureton

Department of State

Neera Dhaliwal

Office of Information Technology

Justin Ecker

Office of Information Technology

Clifford Errickson Jr.

Office of Information Technology

Lauren Fenstermacher

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

James Forbes

Department of Corrections

Simon George

Office of Information Technology

Satish Goel

Motor Vehicle Commission

Catherine Gulick-Tuers

Department of State

Aarti Gupta

Department of Transportation

Dwayne Hadley

Office of Public Defender

John Harrison

Department of Community Affairs

Barabara Higgins

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Tori Hill

*Department of Military
and Veteran Affairs*

Nanci Hiller

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Yuri Janusz

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Saida Jeudy

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Tiffany Johnson

Juvenile Justice Commission

Michael Kierst-Krahel

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Joseph Klett

Department of State

Michelle Knox

Department of Health

Andrew Kvarta

Office of Information Technology

Pamela Lacina

Civil Service Commission

William R. Lamboy

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Greta Latvyte

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Tara Maharjan
Department of State

Jennifer Mahlstedt
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Vaishali Mandrekar
Office of Public Defender

Ian Manuguerra
Office of Public Defender

Danielle Marchetti
Department of State

Austin McGuire IV
Juvenile Justice Commission

Catherine Medich
Department of State

Oliver Meissner
Office of Information Technology

Major Mitchell
Department of Transportation

James Monia
Office of Information Technology

Cynthia Mozee'
Juvenile Justice Commission

Joanne Nestor
Department of State

Segun Okelola
Office of Public Defender

Vinay Panchal
Office of Public Defender

Ekta Patel
Office of Information Technology

Christopher Pittman
Juvenile Justice Commission

Stephen Quinn
William Paterson University

Jayaprakash Raghupathi
Juvenile Justice Commission

David Rappaport
*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Zachary Renitsky
Department of State

Brandon Rios
Office of Public Defender

Kern Roberts
Office of Public Defender

Jennifer Rodriguez
Juvenile Justice Commission

Sadie Ronga-Rubin
*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Ronald Rosato
Department of Transportation

Akash Sagar
Office of Information Technology

Chelsey Saturne
*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Jose Selaya

Office of Public Defender

Aparna Shah

Office of Public Defender

Shilp Shah

Department of Transportation

Sean Smith

Office of Information Technology

Jonathan Soskin

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Niven Surenthiran

Office of Public Defender

Amy Telford

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Vivian Thiele

Department of State

Emmanuel Toe

Office of Public Defender

Matthew Tomasic

Office of Information Technology

Kashyap Trivedi

Juvenile Justice Commission

Edna Velez

Department of State

Brian Wilbur

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Fred Womack

Motor Vehicle Commission

Kimesha Young

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

David Zaitz

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Richard Zeilsdorff

Office of Public Defender





Leadership | Professional Achievement Award Winners

Recognizes an employee who has established a higher standard of work performance by example; demonstrated leadership qualities when presented with challenging assignments; voluntarily used their knowledge and skills to promote work-related development of other employees; contributed to building employee moral; improved work processes, procedures; encouraged initiative and forward thinking; has successfully established new and outstanding methods, practices, plans or designs resulting in cost savings, revenue generation, and/or workplace efficiencies.

Sharon Alessi

Department of the Treasury

Charlie Chell

Office of Information Technology

Joseph Atchinson III

Department of Agriculture

Robert Clayton

Office of Information Technology

Donna Barber

Department of State

Ralph Cobbs

Office of Information Technology

Joseph Britanak

Office of Information Technology

Thomas Contino

Office of Information Technology

Kashif Chand

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Allison Davis

Office of Information Technology

Lisa Davis

Office of Information Technology

John Dotterweich

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Rose-Clair Dunbar

Civil Service Commission

Roseanne Elcenko

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Paul Flint

Office of Information Technology

Kimberly Friddell

Department of Education

Simon George

Office of Information Technology

Brittany Giampola

Department of State

Satish Goel

Motor Vehicle Commission

Ilene Griffin

Division of Rate Counsel

Jason Hans

Office of Information Technology

Barry Wayne Higgins

Office of Information Technology

James Huggins

Office of Information Technology

Aimee Hurst

Department of Transportation

Jason Kraemer

Office of Information Technology

Maureen Lancaster

*Office of Homeland Security
and Preparedness*

Brian Langton

Office of Information Technology

Kira Lawrence

Board of Public Utilities

Sean Leonard

Civil Service Commission

Ollie Levant

Civil Service Commission

Victoria Lizaire

*Department of Military
and Veteran Affairs*

Vincent Lynch

Juvenile Justice Commission

Elliott Lynn

Office of Information Technology

Daniel Manukas

Office of Information Technology

Salvatore Marcello

New Jersey State Police

Maryann Mazon

Office of Information Technology

Frank McCarthy

Office of Public Defender

Dawn McRae

Department of Corrections

Tanya Hudson-Murray

*New Jersey Housing and
Mortgage Finance Agency*

Veronica Ortiz

Office of Information Technology

Don Palombi

Department of Community Affairs

Siobhan Pappas

Department of Health

Manoj Patel

Office of Information Technology

Thomas Prettyman

Office of Information Technology

Anthony Puca

Office of Information Technology

Johnette Rainier

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Ivette Ramos

Department of State

Daisy Rodriguez

William Paterson University

Anatoly Scharko

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Sean Smith

Office of Information Technology

Joseph Thomas

Office of Information Technology

Mark VanBruggen

Civil Service Commission

Jeffrey Vitale

Office of Information Technology

Scott Weed

Office of Information Technology

Randell Wendt

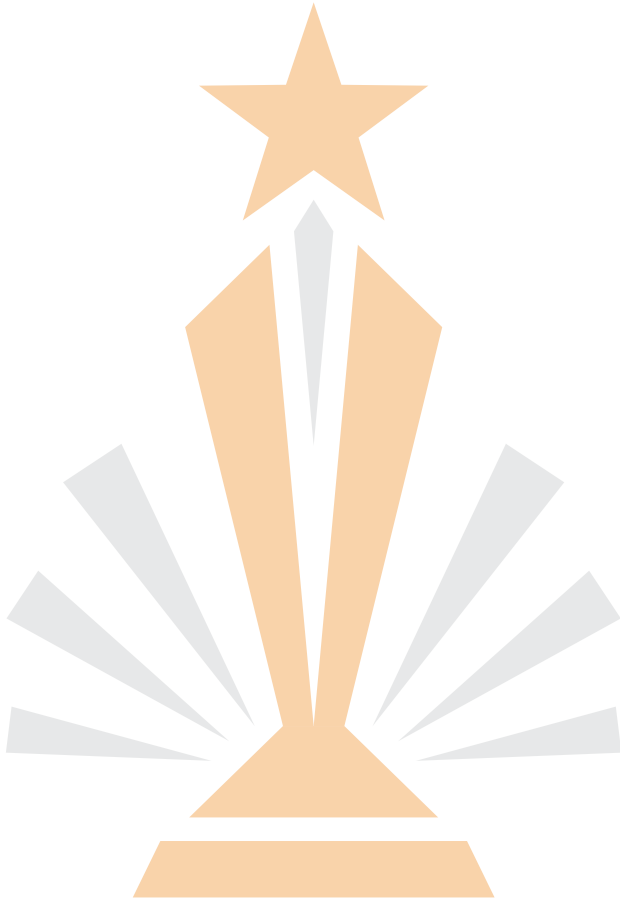
Office of Information Technology

Keffin Wilson

Office of Information Technology

Corey Wolkenberg

Department of State





Governor's Team of Excellence Award Winners

Recognizes an employee who has demonstrated a commitment to public service by leading by example and helping the Governor meet his mission to make New Jersey a more fairer and stronger place to live and work.

Sharon Adams

Juvenile Justice Commission

Alex Ancianis

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Lynette Arnold

Motor Vehicle Commission

Kaity Assaf

Department of State

Kenwood Averbookh

Civil Service Commission

Dana Baldorossi

Department of State

Stella Baldwin

Department of State

Kevin Barber

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Dara Barry

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Brandon Battaglia

Department of the Treasury

Anthony Battle

Juvenile Justice Commission

Jeanne Baumann

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Michelle Baxter-Schaffer

Department of State

Joseph Beck

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Christopher Benincasa

Department of State

Amanda Bergman

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Yolanda Bickham-Dinkins

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Andrew Binger

Department of State

Alicia Bonner

*Department of Military
and Veteran Affairs*

Guy Bramonte

Civil Service Commission

Mildred Brantley

Civil Service Commission

Hunter Britsch

Department of the Treasury

David Bruccoleri

Department of Transportation

Chino Bun

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Danielle Bursk

Department of State

Jeffrey Butler

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Eugenia Byfield

Civil Service Commission

Veronica Calder

Department of State

Dan Camarote

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Nicholas Cannestro

Juvenile Justice Commission

Sean Carpenter

Civil Service Commission

Mark Casey

Department of the Treasury

Greg Castellani

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Andonia Cetinkaya

Motor Vehicle Commission

Bria Champion

Motor Vehicle Commission

Jon Christiansen

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Romina Civale

Civil Service Commission

Samantha Clarke

Department of State

Michelle Cleaver
Motor Vehicle Commission

Kristin Conover
Department of the Treasury

Natasha Cooper
Civil Service Commission

Alicia Dalessandro
Department of State

Mohan Danda
Office of Information Technology

Lindsay Dandeo
Department of State

Jonathan Debough
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Public Safety*

Jay Desai
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Mehul Desai
Juvenile Justice Commission

Neera Dhaliwal
Office of Information Technology

Kelly Dickson
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Alexis Dixon
Juvenile Justice Commission

James Doone Jr.
Juvenile Justice Commission

Derek Dubois
Juvenile Justice Commission

Laura Dugan
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Rose-Clair Dunbar
Civil Service Commission

Deona Edgerton
Department of the Treasury

Alonzo Engram
Office of Information Technology

Clifford Errickson Jr.
Office of Information Technology

Ramika Evans
Civil Service Commission

Christine Fahey
Office of Information Technology

Thomas Fanelli
Department of State

Diane Felcyn
Department of State

Joseph Forte
Department of State

Nancy Foz
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Jessica Gaines
Department of State

Kamue Gbelama
Civil Service Commission

Matthew Gebhard
Department of the Treasury

Deborah Gleissner
Department of Health

Rebecca Glinn
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Wilfredo Gonzalez
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Emily Grala
Motor Vehicle Commission

Susan Greitz
Department of State

Gillian Gutierrez
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Esther Hammell
Motor Vehicle Commission

Patrick L. Harty
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Department of the Treasury

Jy-Sana Jones
Motor Vehicle Commission

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Workforce Development*

Sheena Kelley
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Public Safety*

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Juvenile Justice Commission

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*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

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Juvenile Justice Commission

Jeffrey Kosty
Department of the Treasury

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Office of Information Technology

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*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Elizabeth Lawrence

Board of Public Utilities

Shahrazad Ledan

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Maxwell Leidenheimer

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Chang Liu

Office of Information Technology

Jordan Loiodice

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Public Safety*

Edward Lokerson

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Holly Low

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Vincent Lynch

Juvenile Justice Commission

Tiffani Mabry

Juvenile Justice Commission

Jeffrey MacMullen

*Department of Environmental
Protection*

Shirley Madamba

Office of Information Technology

Wayne Magee

Juvenile Justice Commission

Vasavi Malireddy

Office of Information Technology

Dennis Mansmann

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Judith Manzano

*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Michael Marich

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Ronald Marino

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Kristin Mateo

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Dawn McGann

Juvenile Justice Commission

Sharonda McNeill

Motor Vehicle Commission

John Merris

*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Elizabeth Miner

Civil Service Commission

James Monia

Office of Information Technology

Evelyn Montoya

Department of the Treasury

Brandon Moran

Juvenile Justice Commission

Selma Morris

Department of Corrections

George Morton
Office of Public Defender

Jillian Moyer
Civil Service Commission

Kelly Mullins-Fernandes
Juvenile Justice Commission

Jason Mutchler
Juvenile Justice Commission

Sarala Naik
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Stephanie Nerbak
Department of State

Maria Niseem
Civil Service Commission

Darlington Omeni
Civil Service Commission

Michael O'Rourke
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Sharon Pagano
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Samuel Paglione
*Office of Homeland Security
and Preparedness*

Chris Parton
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Denise Parton
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Ramakrishn Patlolla
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John Paul
Juvenile Justice Commission

Mark Pellechia
Civil Service Commission

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*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Jordan Pintado
Juvenile Justice Commission

Nicole Pires
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Sreelatha Ponugoti
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Tashaya Porter
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Johanna Prado
William Paterson University

Andrew Proch
Office of Information Technology

Kim Pryor
Civil Service Commission

Kara Rabbitt
William Paterson University

Drew Rainier
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Premial Ramachandran
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Manuel Ramirez Jr.
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Michael Randisi
*Office of Homeland Security
and Preparedness*

Jimmy Reed
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Angela Riccitello
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Linda Rivera
Department of State

Marelyn Rivera
Department of State

Amber Roberson
Motor Vehicle Commission

James Robinson
Civil Service Commission

Timothy Rock
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Crystal Roman
Juvenile Justice Commission

Alyssa Romano
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Sean Ronan
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Jennifer Rose Quinn
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Chris Rossell
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Michael Russo
Juvenile Justice Commission

Kimberly Rybka
Juvenile Justice Commission

Kevin Santarsiero
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Cody Santiago
Juvenile Justice Commission

Sanjith Saradadevi
Office of Information Technology

Patrick Sawyer
Department of the Treasury

Lynne Scymanski
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Rachel Searby
Civil Service Commission

Amarilys Serrano
Civil Service Commission

William Shelton
Juvenile Justice Commission

Marie Shoemaker
Motor Vehicle Commission

Edward Smith
Department of Community Affairs

Katherine Smith
Civil Service Commission

Kristin Smith
Civil Service Commission

Emel Sonmez-Crawford
Department of State

Dharshini Sriranganathan
Office of Information Technology

Thomas Sullivan
Office of Information Technology

Zainab Syed
Department of State

Ashley Tartaglia
Juvenile Justice Commission

Paul Tattory
*Department of Labor and
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Phillippa Taylor-Jenkins
Civil Service Commission

Kalyani Thayalan
Office of Information Technology

Rachel Thimke
Department of State

Geoffrey Thomas
Civil Service Commission

Shannon Thorne
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Jessica Tindell
Motor Vehicle Commission

James Toal
Juvenile Justice Commission

Twayla Torney
Juvenile Justice Commission

Justin Torres
Juvenile Justice Commission

Nicholas Towli
Department of the Treasury

Allison Tratner
Department of State

Ashanti Tucker
Civil Service Commission

Ryan Tuno
Juvenile Justice Commission

Aunjah Turnbull
Civil Service Commission

Kelliann Umstetter
Office of Information Technology

Gerald Vacchiano
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Teresa Vallely
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Amanda Vasquez
William Paterson University

Jaysahn Veal
*Department of Law and
Public Safety*

Edwin Virella
Civil Service Commission

Julian Washington
Juvenile Justice Commission

Avery Wehrs
Department of State

Irene Wells
Department of State

Erica White
Civil Service Commission

Tina Wildoner
Juvenile Justice Commission

Darnell Williams
Juvenile Justice Commission

Darlene Wilson
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Robert Wolinsky
Civil Service Commission

Nancy Wood
Department of Agriculture

Robert Worshinski
Department of State

Barkley Xu
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Dana Yedwab
Civil Service Commission

Jason Zamparelli
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Heather Zelehoski
*Department of Labor and
Workforce Development*

Matthew Zmijewski
Office of Information Technology

Joanne Zsenak
Office of Information Technology



Chair & Chief Executive Officer's Biography

Allison Chris Myers
*Chair & Chief Executive Officer
New Jersey Civil Service Commission*



Allison Chris Myers was confirmed by the Senate as Chair & Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission on June 20, 2023, after serving as Acting Chair/CEO since January 1, 2023.

Drawing on over 31 years of professional experience, Chairwoman Myers provides an array of knowledge in administrative law, human resources, appeals, and regulatory affairs. Chairwoman Myers began her professional journey as a Reserve Personnel Coordinator for the United States Navy, in San Diego, CA, where she processed payroll for US Navy Reservists and performed technical and administrative work for legal case filings. After 4 years of military service, Chairwoman Myers held positions in marketing and sales over the next eight years.

In 2001, Chairwoman Myers began her career at the New Jersey Civil Service Commission as a Personnel and Labor Analyst Trainee, eventually becoming the Director of the Division of Appeals and Regulatory Affairs (DARA) within the Civil Service Commission in 2017. In this role, she supervised the legal liaison function of DARA, responded

to inquiries pertaining to civil service regulatory matters, and oversaw the management and daily activities of the Division. In July 2022, Chairwoman Myers became the Deputy Chair/CEO of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission, where she oversaw the administration of the agency's programs and liaised with the Governor's Office.

Chairwoman Myers received the professional achievement award in 2009 in recognition of her work developing and implementing the Civil Service Index, a comprehensive digest of cases decided by the former merit system board and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

In her free time, Chairwoman Myers enjoys vegetable gardening, reading, and playing Scrabble with her spouse, Lori. Chairwoman Myers earned her Associate of Arts in Business Administration from Cumberland County College, Bachelor of Arts in Labor Studies from Rutgers College New Brunswick, and her Juris Doctorate from Rutgers School of Law. In addition, Chairwoman Myers was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 2000.



Keynote Speaker's Biography

Tennille R. McCoy
New Jersey
Assemblywoman



Assemblywoman Tennille R. McCoy is a groundbreaking figure in New Jersey politics, having shattered barriers as the first person of color to be elected to the State Legislature representing the 14th District. She stands as a beacon of hope and progress evident through her roles on the Assembly Appropriations, State and Local Government, and Telecommunications and Utilities Committees.

Assemblywoman McCoy holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from Virginia State University, a Master of Science in Human Resources/Labor and Employment Relations from Rutgers University, and a Global Executive MBA from prestigious institutions including NYU Stern, London School of Economics, and HEC Paris Business School. This impressive academic background equips her with the expertise needed to effectively lead organizations across diverse sectors.

In her capacity as a Human Resources executive, Assemblywoman McCoy has excelled in building high-performance teams that prioritize diversity and mentorship, ensuring organizations are well-equipped for the challenges of tomorrow. Her career highlights include serving as the Director of Human Resources at UBS Financial, the Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital Strategies and Project Management

Lead at the New Jersey Department of Labor (NJDOL) and Workforce Development, and Chief Human Resources Officer at Covenant House International. Additionally, she has worked as a Realtor for Berkshire Fox & Roach, showcasing her versatility across various sectors.

Assemblywoman McCoy is a highly esteemed community leader who has been recognized for her exceptional contributions to various organizations and causes. She has been honored with prestigious awards such as The New Jersey African Chamber Commerce Women Who Empower, the Building One New Jersey Shirley Chisholm Award, the NJDOL James L. Ware Award, the Mercer County Clerk's Outstanding Women Leader Award, and the Middlesex Young Democrats Rising Star award.

In addition to her accolades, Assemblywoman McCoy is an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and serves on several boards, including Dress for Success Central New Jersey, Mercer County Technical Schools, RWJ Hamilton Hospital Board, and the Samuel McCoy III Scholarship Fund, where she serves as CEO. She is also a co-founder of the Juneteenth Cycle Ride and holds the position of co-chair of the New Jersey Black Women's Collective (NJBWC), demonstrating her commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Previously serving as the President of Rutgers University School Management and Labor Relations Alumni Association, Tennille continues to be deeply involved in academia. She currently chairs the NJBWC's Leadership Institute in collaboration with Mercer County Community College.

Assemblywoman Tennille R. McCoy is a steadfast advocate for progressive change and community well-being, embodying the essence of a true community champion. Her unwavering dedication, extensive leadership background, and deep-seated passion guarantee a promising and brighter future for all.





*Thank you for your
performances!*

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Tpr. I Steven Chen #7377

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The New Jersey State Police



NATIONAL ANTHEM

PayDay! is an acapella quartet who have been performing together for nearly 25 years. The quartet features **Pete Manfredo** (Lead; Hamilton, NJ); **Joe Ciccione** (Bass; Franklin Twp, NJ); **Jim Danner** (Tenor; Ringoes, NJ) and **Mark Van Bruggen**, a 36-year employee of the NJ Civil Service Commission (Baritone; New Egypt, NJ).

For more information about the group, go to
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