



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

November 9, 2022

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 (b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Melba Depena Affigne of 14 Elmcrest Ave., Providence, RI 02908 as a member of the School Board Nominating Committee for a term to end November 30, 2025. Melba will replace Joseph Buchanan whose term expired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Elorza".

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

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Melba Depeña Affigne, M.S

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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Human Development & Family Studies
University of Rhode Island

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
University of Rhode Island

OVERVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced Manager: Public Agency, University, and Non-Profit Administration
- Workforce and Business Development, and Employer Engagement
- Staff Development and Conflict Resolution
- Program Development, Evaluation, and Reporting
- Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging, Leadership Development
- Customer Relations Management (CRM) Systems

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President, Economic Development
Skills For Rhode Island's Future
2017-present

- Oversee the RI Small Business Resource Hub
- Manage comprehensive stakeholder engagement initiative linking industry associations, small businesses, and community-based organizations
- Establish and cultivate strategic partnerships within business community in Rhode Island
- Managed SkillsRI client services comprised of over 100 small and mid-size small businesses; talent acquisition; and workforce development and education departments

Director, Department of Human Services (DHS)
State of Rhode Island
2015-2017

- Responsible for management, planning, and budgeting
- Primary contact with federal agencies
- Managed senior staff projects for continuous improvement, program evaluation, and training
- Led team to institute continuous improvement utilizing LEAN methodology
- Managed executive team to develop strategic plan and performance metrics
- Built leadership team with culture of service excellence, using data analysis, service utilization and continuous improvement
- Directed operational efficiencies resulting in program improvements and compliance

Director, Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVCP), Office of the General Treasurer
State of Rhode Island
2011-2014

- Administered, managed, and supervised day to day operations
- Oversaw compliance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations
- Administered federal cost-sharing grant – U.S. Department of Justice
- Successfully led initiative to eliminate 4-year program backlog (900+ cases)
- Led team to institute continuous improvement utilizing LEAN methodology
- Designed and implemented agency partners' and victims' outreach programs
- Developed and directed comprehensive reporting and planning systems

Executive Director, Providence Human Relations Commission
City of Providence
2006-2011

- Developed and oversaw Providence Human Relations Commission initiatives
- Supervised investigators, clerks, and attorneys
- Maintained operational infrastructure and budgeting systems
- Conceptualized and implemented comprehensive curriculum to address diversity, respect and tolerance in the workplace and housing
- Promoted and coordinated collaboration with other organizations with similar mission, government agencies, and other non-profit organizations.
- Oversaw the development and implementation of new programs and revised procedures
- Responsible for marketing, fundraising and training

Community Program Administrator
Office of the Vice Provost, University of Rhode Island
2002-2003

- Assisted the Vice Provost in the implementation of Urban Initiatives
- Coordinated town hall meetings to strengthen relationships with students, stakeholders & community
- Designed and implemented student summer programs in Cuba and the Dominican Republic
- Facilitated relationships among community organizations and student groups

Coordinator, Covering Kids Program
Rhode Island Kids Count
2000-2002

- Trained all school nurses in the Pawtucket School District about RIte Care coverage
- Chaired a committee to disseminate information about children's access to health insurance
- Developed and conducted presentations to community organizations about RIte Care
- Coordinated school activities and major events about the benefits of health insurance
- Prepared training materials for school administrators regarding children's health insurance
- Implemented systems to ensure proper dissemination of health insurance information to parents