

Tiffany Junkins Bio

Tiffany Junkins is a proud native Chicagoan and has served as Executive Director of the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (MEABF) since June 2023. MEABF was established in 1921 by an act of the Illinois General Assembly to provide disability and retirement benefits to qualified employees of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Board of Education. In over 100 years, she is the first woman to lead the retirement fund in the position of Executive Director. As Executive Director, she oversees the strategy, operations, service delivery, client relations, budget, governance structure and partners with the Investment Team to ensure best efforts are made to diversify and grow the portfolio.

Prior to serving as MEABF's Executive Director, she served in several key positions over the span of 18 years for the City of Chicago and the Board of Education. Most recent, she served as a Deputy Budget Director for the Office of Budget and Management for the City of Chicago, where she was responsible for the preparation and implementation of the annual budget appropriation ordinance for approximately \$16 billion dollars. Specifically, she led the Human Infrastructure Division for the Office of Budget and Management which included healthcare, childcare, education, job training, city planning, economics, aspects of facilities and systems that affected Chicagoans.

Most notable, she worked for over a decade at the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services where she held various positions that supported the framework for citywide human and social-support initiatives in Children Services Division. Specifically, she led the Program Administration Unit, where she led efforts under the early childhood ecosystem for fiscal operations, grant development, data, audits, communication, intergovernmental agreements, contractual agreements, procurement, and strategic planning.

Furthermore, she also served as the Fiscal Manager for the Office of Early Childhood Education and was responsible for grant development, budgeting, allocation of resources, auditing, expenditure tracking and reporting for the early childhood programs operated in Chicago Public Schools District 299, which is the fourth-largest school district in the United States.

Tiffany Junkins holds a master's degree in education administration, paired with an accounting certification. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, mentoring, volunteering, and spending time with her young adult children (Nakyen and Jada).