

Philadelphia Works Welcomes Lou Rodriguez to its Board of Directors

Philadelphia Works, the designated Workforce Development Board (WDB) for the City of Philadelphia, has a Board of Directors that serves as an advisory, planning, and policy board under the guidelines of the federal [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#). In addition, the Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the 501(c)(3).

The 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 ensures that the business community is the leading voice in our local workforce system.



LOUIS RODRIGUEZ
PRESIDENT & CEO
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Lou Rodriguez, CEO and founder of Rodriguez Consulting LLC, holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Widener University. With over 30 years of experience, Lou is a professional civil engineer (PA, DE, and NJ) specializing in water infrastructure and GIS. He previously worked at the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) as a civil engineer and GIS Program Manager.

Passionate about regional economic development, workforce development, and educational equity, Lou serves on various boards, including Widener University, and the Chappell Culpeper Family Foundation. In 2020, he created Rodriguez University, a workforce development and career readiness initiative that has received the Empower Award and Excelencia in Business.

Lou also serves on the advisory board of FirstBank and is an active member of several organizations, including the Sustainable Business Network (SBN), The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), and Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership. He has received numerous awards and honors, including the 2022 Empower Award, 2022 Excelencia in Business, 2020 AL DIA Hispanic Heritage Award, 2017 Power 100, 2015 Business Advocate Award, and the Philadelphia 100 (2014, 2013, 2012).

Lou, a health and wellness enthusiast, enjoys various fitness activities and has competed in 18 marathons and countless other distance races across the USA. He lives with his wife Nicole in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia and Ocean View, Delaware. Their children, Louis III and Marissa, recently graduated from Temple University. [See Lou's full bio here.](#)

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 public workforce policies, and optimize funding and resources to build a skilled and thriving workforce. For more information, please visit philaworks.org.