

Philadelphia Works Welcomes Thomas A. Shoemaker 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.



THOMAS A. SHOEMAKER
PRESIDENT & CEO
CRISTO REY PHILADELPHIA
HIGH SCHOOL

Tom joined Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School as its second President & CEO in 2022. His relationship with the school began in 2014, when he partnered TD Bank with Cristo Rey's Work-Study program. He later supported the financing of the school's permanent campus in 2018 and joined the Board of Trustees in 2020.

Tom spent 35 years in banking, including 21 years at Commerce/TD Bank, where he served as President of the Equipment Leasing Company and President of the Pennsylvania Market. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Susquehanna University and an MBA from Villanova University.

He currently resides in Delaware County with his wife, Joanie. Their five children are spread across the country pursuing their education and careers. Tom serves on the Board and Executive Committee of BLOCS in King of Prussia and the Greater Philadelphia YMCA.

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.