

District of Columbia



Karima M. Woods
Commissioner
Northeast Zone

Term of Office:

At the Pleasure of the
Mayor

Appointed: January 21,
2020

Confirmed: July 28, 2020

Karima M. Woods was appointed Acting Commissioner of the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking on January 21, 2020. The Council of the District of Columbia confirmed Woods as Commissioner on July 28, 2020.

Woods previously served as the Director of Business Development and Strategy in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), where she provided strategic leadership, stakeholder engagement and global outreach to the business community. Woods has held several positions within DMPED, including Deputy Director of Business Development and International Business Manager, where she helped to shape signature business development initiatives, attract foreign direct investment and establish new business relationships with international markets. Her leadership has led to the successful execution of the Mayor's economic strategy and helped to drive the District's business attraction and retention efforts across key business sectors. Her work has also contributed to several policy outcomes, including increased investment in underrepresented entrepreneurs to address the human, social and financial capital that entrepreneurs need to grow and expand. Woods has served on several boards and commissions, including the Mayor's Innovation Technology Inclusion Council, Washington DC Economic Partnership, Destination DC, and the Greater Washington Board of Trade Council on Economic Development Officials.

Woods holds an M.B.A. from George Washington University and B.A. in law and society from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Woods is married and lives with her husband and two daughters in Washington, DC.

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