

Valerie Lynne Shaw

In 2015, Valerie Lynne Shaw was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Board of Governors for the California Community College System. Shaw was reappointed to a six- year term in 2017. The Board provides leadership and policy direction in the continuing development of the 115 community colleges in the State of California. Serving over 2.1 million students, the California Community College system is the largest educational system in the nation.

During her tenure on the Board of Governors, Ms. Shaw's activities have included attending bimonthly policy meetings of the Board; serving on the Chancellor's selection committee; supporting the Umoja Community and A2mend student support initiatives; supporting workforce development initiatives, and advocating for resources for Housing and Food Insecure students. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for Calbright Community College.

Previously, Shaw held the position of a high- ranking official in local government. Shaw served as the President, Vice President, and Commissioner of the five- member, full- time, City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works (1996-2013). In this position, Ms. Shaw made history, first by being the only commissioner appointed by three Mayors (Riordan, Hahn, and Villaraigosa), and secondly, holding the honor of being the first African-American woman President of the 100 - year- old Board of Public Works.

The primary role of the Board of Public Works is to act as the general manager of the Department of Public Works that has an annual budget of \$1.5 billion and a workforce of over 5,500 employees. The purpose of the department is to maintain the physical infrastructure of the city. During her tenure, Shaw was the lead commissioner for the following departmental bureaus: Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, and Contract Administration. In addition to her managerial duties, Shaw also focused on developing community enhancement programs. From 2008-2013, Shaw led the Mayor and Council sponsored South LA Initiatives program, which successfully invested over \$650 million into the community.

Ms. Shaw has a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Southern California (USC) and served as an adjunct professor in the Political Science Department from 2003-2012, teaching a class on local government operations.

Ms. Shaw is currently a Board member of LA County 211, California Community Foundation's \$60 million Centinela Medical Fund, the Los Angeles African American Women's Political Policy Institute (LAAAWPPI), PV Jobs, and the Wilfandel Club. Ms. Shaw was born in Los Angeles and is a member of a family that has a long and proud history of public service.