

LIZETTE DELGADO POLANCO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Lizette Delgado Polanco serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA), after receiving approval from the SDA Board of Directors on August 8, 2018.

Ms. Delgado Polanco is also the Vice-Chair of the New Jersey State Democratic Committee (NJSDC). Named to this role on June 12, 2013, she was reelected unanimously for three terms and was selected for the Democratic National Executive Committee.

Most recently, Ms. Delgado Polanco served as the Political Director of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (NRCC). She joined the NRCC, which encompasses five states, in February 2017. As the Council Political Director, she oversaw the Political Program of the Council.

Prior to her service with the NRCC, Ms. Delgado Polanco served as the Executive Director of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) New Jersey State Council. The Council coordinates the legislative and political agenda for seven SEIU locals representing more than 40,000 members across New Jersey. They represent members in four major industries, including health and long-term care, property services, municipal workers and resident physicians.

In 2002, she was named Assistant Secretary of State, the first Hispanic ever in that position, and was one of state government's highest-ranking Hispanics. In 2001, she spearheaded James E. McGreevey's Statewide Latino Base Voter Program, resulting in the largest percentage of Latino votes ever cast for a gubernatorial candidate in New Jersey. She also served as Director of Special Projects for former U.S. Senator Jon S. Corzine.

Ms. Delgado Polanco, a first-generation Hispanic American, has had a long and distinguished career in government and labor relations, policy development, public affairs, and business and community development.

Ms. Delgado Polanco, who previously served on the State of New Jersey Local Finance Board, sits on numerous boards including: New Jersey Working Families Alliance; New Jersey Citizen Action; Blue Wave NJ, LUPE PAC (Latinas United for Political Empowerment); Jersey City Re-Entry; Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey, Emerge NJ; and DUSA (Dominicans USA).

She has a bachelor's degree in Labor Studies from the National Labor College in Maryland. The proud mother of four and grandmother of two resides in Mercer County.