

## **Kathy Owens, Director**

Columbus Department of Finance and Management

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Kathy A. Owens is the first Black and first female Director of the Department of Finance and Management for the City of Columbus. She oversees a staff of more than 300 employees responsible for facilitating, crafting and monitoring the city's \$2 billion-plus operating and capital budgets, vehicle fleet, facilities maintenance, procurement, real estate and construction management.

Prior to her director role Owens was a deputy chief of staff for policy and operations in the Office of the Mayor. Additionally, she held the positions of deputy director in the Department of Finance and Management, and a senior member of City Council's Legislative Research Office. She also served as a Council aide, staffed former City Attorney Janet Jackson and worked in the mayor's office during the Lashutka and Rinehart administrations. Kathy was born and raised in Columbus and is a graduate of Linden McKinley High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Urbana University and MBA from Ashland University.