

Kathy Owens, Director

Columbus Department of Finance and Management

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.