

KENDRA PRICE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic community engagement and public affairs leader with 20+ years of experience building trust, driving institutional impact, and leading civic initiatives across DeKalb County. Proven success in advancing equity, securing public funding, and building cross-sector partnerships. Recognized for integrity, collaboration, and leadership in public health, civic engagement, and community development.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Community & Government Affairs • Strategic Partnerships & Policy Development • Public Health & Wellness Advocacy • Civic Engagement & Voter Access • Cross-Sector Collaboration • Board & Committee Leadership • Stakeholder Communications • Public Funding & Grant Facilitation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Community Programs

Emory University, Office of Government and Community Affairs — 2024–Present

- Serve as Emory’s primary liaison to DeKalb County government, aligning institutional priorities with community needs.
- Lead initiatives in economic mobility, public health, and civic engagement, including polling access and violence prevention.
- Oversee strategic programs that enhance transparency, equity, and community trust.

Associate Director, Community Programs

Emory University — 2022–2024

- Co-led Emory’s partnership with DeKalb County to secure \$13M in public health funding.
- Launched Emory’s first polling site, serving over 4,000 voters.
- Directed initiatives in environmental stewardship, civic education, and public safety.

Government Affairs Manager

Emory University — 2015–2022

- Managed civic and government outreach strategies to strengthen Emory’s community presence.
- Built relationships with elected officials, nonprofits, and educators to support shared goals.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Secured \$13M for Emory Hillandale Hospital and behavioral health initiatives.
- Led COVID-19 vaccination drives in underserved communities, earning the Good Trouble Award for equity-centered outreach.
- Created the DeKalb Beloved Naturalists program to promote environmental stewardship.
- Coordinated Medicaid Redetermination outreach events to connect residents with healthcare coverage.

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Emerging Leaders Program, Emory University (2024–2025)
- Leadership DeKalb, Class of 2018
- Completed coursework in Communications, Writing & Literature – Georgia State University
- Additional undergraduate studies – Mercer University & Savannah College of Art and Design
- Ongoing commitment to professional development through executive education, leadership training, and community-based learning

BOARDS & CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- Secretary & Executive Committee Member, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce (2024–Present)
- Member, Finance Committee, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce (2025)
- Liaison to the Government Affairs Committee, DeKalb Chamber (2024)
- Co-Chair, Government Affairs Committee, DeKalb Chamber (2021–2023)
- Member, Rotary Club of South DeKalb (2024–Present)
- President, Greater Lithonia Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) (2016–2020)
- Board Member, Georgia Education Advancement Council (GEAC) (2015–2022)
- Marketing and Communications Committee, GEAC (2021)
- Advisory Member, DeKalb Brilliance Academy (2020–2022)
- Advisory Council, Community Social Justice Atlanta, Inc. (2022–2023)
- Advisory Board Member, Career, Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE), DeKalb County School District (2020–2023)
- DeKalb County School District Superintendent’s Community Advisory Council (2020–2023)
- Founding Member & Committee Member, DeKalb Beloved Naturalists (2021–2023)
- Appointee, Stonecrest Transportation Committee (2021–2022)
- Stonecrest Complete Count Census Committee (2020–2021)
- Leadership DeKalb Health Day Committee Member (2021–2022)
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work Group Leader for EDH and EHH (2020–2022)
- Judge, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Virtual Regional Leadership Conference (2020–2021)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Outstanding Georgia Citizen, Secretary of State (2024)
- Volunteer of the Year, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce (2022)
- Citizen of Distinction, Congressman Hank Johnson (2021)
- Hidden Figure of DeKalb County, District 7 Commissioner (2018)
- NAACP Image Award, DeKalb Chapter (2017)