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Leslie S. Richards is the CEO and 11th General Manager of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), the sixth largest public transportation agency in the U.S. with a budget of more than \$2 billion and a vast network of 9,500 employees that enable the five million residents of the Greater Philadelphia region to connect to each other. SEPTA operates across six transportation modes and has 2,800 vehicles in service, 285 subway and rail stations, 13,000 bus and trolley stops, and 150 routes. Prior to joining SEPTA, Richards was the first woman secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), one of the largest and most innovative transportation agencies in the U.S. Richards left a lasting mark on the department by creating strategic solutions for the long-term success of Pennsylvania's transportation needs through innovative, collaborative programs such as PennDOT Connects.

A staunch advocate for women and diversity in transportation and government, Richards has been recognized for her leadership in the industry and commitment to public service. Prior to her public service, she worked in the private sector as a senior project manager for environmental and civil engineering firms. Richards is a graduate of Brown University, where she concentrated in economics and urban studies. She received a master's of regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives with her husband in Philadelphia.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **45th Annual Reception**

Membership Meeting and Board Election Monday, November 13, 2023 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Volvér at the Kimmel Center \$45 for Members, \$65 for Guests

## Happy Holiday Happy Hour Breakfast Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Allen & Gerritsen - The Bourse
\$20 for Members, \$35 for Guests.

### **Lunch with the City's Leaders**

**Daniel J. Hilferty** 

Chairman & CEO, Comcast Spectacor Thursday, November 16, 2023 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM

W PHILADELPHIA HOTEL \$55 for Members, \$75 for Guests

#### **Lunch with the City's Leaders**

**Jodie Harris** 

President, PIDC
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
11:45 AM to 1:30 PM
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
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