

Wes Moore, Governor State of Maryland



Wes Moore is the 63rd Governor of the state of Maryland. He is Maryland's first Black Governor in the state's 246-year history, and is just the third African American elected Governor in the history of the United States.

Born in Takoma Park, Maryland, on Oct. 15, 1978, to Joy and Westley Moore, Moore's life took a tragic turn when his father died of a rare, but treatable virus when he was just three years old. After his father's death, his family moved to the Bronx to live with Moore's grandparents before returning to Maryland at age 14.

Moore is a proud graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and College, where he received an Associate's degree in 1998, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Afterward, he went on to earn his Bachelor's in international relations and economics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

While at Johns Hopkins, Moore interned in the office of former Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke. Moore was the first Black Rhodes Scholar in the history of Johns Hopkins University. As A Rhodes Scholar, he earned a Master's in international relations from Wolfson College at Oxford.

In 2005, Moore deployed to Afghanistan as a captain with the 82nd Airborne Division, leading soldiers in combat. Immediately upon returning home, Moore served as a White House Fellow, advising on issues of national security and international relations.

In 2010, Moore wrote “The Other Wes Moore,” a story about the fragile nature of opportunity in America, which became a perennial New York Times bestseller. He went on to write other best-selling books that reflect on issues of race, equity, and opportunity, including his latest book “Five Days,” which tells the story of Baltimore in the days that followed the death of Freddie Gray in 2015.

Moore built and launched a Baltimore-based business called BridgeEdU, which reinvented freshman year of college for underserved students to increase their likelihood of long-term success. BridgeEdu was acquired by the Brooklyn-based student financial success platform, Edquity, in 2018.

It was Moore’s commitment to taking on our toughest challenges that brought him to the Robin Hood foundation, where he served for four years as CEO. During his tenure, the Robin Hood foundation distributed over \$600 million toward lifting families out of poverty, including here in Maryland.

While the Robin Hood foundation is headquartered in New York City, Wes and his family never moved from their home in Baltimore.

Moore has also worked in finance with Deutsche Bank in London and with Citigroup in New York.

Moore and his wife Dawn Flythe Moore have two children – Mia, 12; and James, 9.

Glenn Youngkin
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia



Born in Richmond and raised in Virginia Beach, Governor Glenn Youngkin is a homegrown Virginian from humble beginnings. From washing dishes at a local diner to being named co-CEO of one of the world's top investment firms, Governor Youngkin knows what it's like to work hard and is doing so on behalf of all Virginians. Since day one, Governor Youngkin has been a champion for parents rights, students, and teachers. He ushered in historic investments in education, launched a lab school initiative to inject choice and innovation into our public school system, raised teachers' salaries 12%, passed the Virginia Literacy Act to improve literacy among elementary school-age students, renewed Virginia's focus on career and technical education and implemented the ALL In Virginia plan to tackle persistent learning loss stemming from forced pandemic school closures through targeted tutoring in math and reading.

As the chief economic development officer of the Commonwealth, the governor has facilitated waves of economic investments and business expansions to reinvigorate job growth and opportunity. Under Governor Youngkin's leadership, the Commonwealth has welcomed companies committing nearly \$71 billion in capital investment and major corporate companies like Boeing, Amazon Web Services, Raytheon and The LEGO Group, along with major expansions from others like Hilton, Northrop Grumman and Framatome.

Lowering the cost of living has been a top priority for the governor and he's delivered \$5 billion dollars in tax relief for Virginians and working families. Fulfilling his promise to reduce the tax burden on Virginia's veterans, Governor Youngkin also implemented a state tax exemption for military retirement pay. The Youngkin administration has an unwavering commitment to support our men and women in law enforcement, providing additional compensation and

salary increases for our public safety heroes.

The governor has made government run more efficiently and more effectively, bringing down DMV wait times, reducing Virginia's regulatory burden, streamlining permitting processes and easing licensing restrictions for dozens of occupations in the Commonwealth.

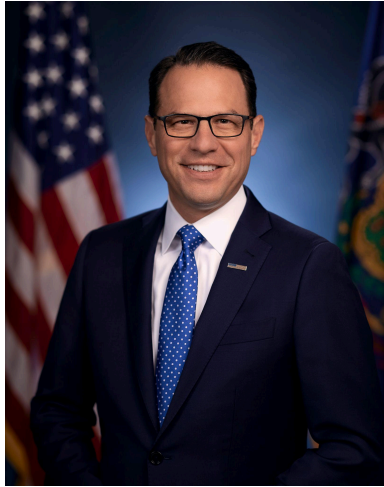
At the plight of Virginia's behavioral health crisis, Governor Youngkin launched historic efforts to transform our overwhelmed behavioral health system through his Right Help, Right Now plan which provides Virginians pre-crisis, in-crisis, and post-crisis help. He didn't stop there, he has worked to revamp our childcare system – critical for working families, a foster care system that was failing too many, and a developmental disability waiver system that left so many unserved.

Throughout his time as governor, Governor Glenn Youngkin has embraced innovation and commonsense especially when it comes to developing Virginia's All-American, All-of-the-Above energy approach to deliver reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean power for the Commonwealth's future.

Governor Glenn Youngkin has transformed government, expanded opportunity in Virginia, and delivered for Virginians.

Governor Youngkin has been married for over 29 years to Suzanne S. Youngkin, a devoted leader in non-profits and charitable causes. Together, they are dedicated to their four wonderful children. Their family journey has been and continues to be guided by their faith.

**Josh Shapiro, Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**



Josh Shapiro is the 48th Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Since being sworn in to the Office of Governor in January 2023, Governor Shapiro has brought people together to get stuff done and defend Pennsylvanians' fundamental freedoms. In his first 18 months in office, despite working with the only politically divided legislature in the nation, Governor Shapiro has hit the ground running and delivered meaningful results for the people of Pennsylvania.

Governor Shapiro believes all Pennsylvanians should have the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed, and the actions he's taken in his first year and a half have been rooted in that promise. He signed an executive order on his first day in office announcing that 92 percent of state government jobs are open to people without a college degree – because in Pennsylvania, we value what skills and experience someone brings to the job, not arbitrary requirements. The first bill he signed into law was bipartisan legislation to require insurers to cover preventive breast and ovarian cancer screenings for high-risk women at no cost.

The Governor has made clear his commitment to invest in quality schools, safe communities, and an economy that works for all. Under his leadership, he brought Democrats and Republicans together to invest more in public education than ever before, hire hundreds of new State Police troopers, and invest millions in economic development to create jobs in communities too often forgotten and left behind.

Now, when children in Pennsylvania go to school, they can get free breakfast and there are more mental health counselors and resources available when they need them. When those students graduate from high school, they have more opportunities to chart their own course – whether in the workforce, through an apprenticeship program, or at college – and their communities are safer and more prosperous.

He's consistently trying to make government work more effectively and efficiently – and ensure there's no wrong door for Pennsylvanians who need to access their state government. That led him to implement automatic voter registration and develop the Commonwealth's first ever in-house digital services team – CODE PA – to develop better tools for government officials and the public alike. He reformed the permitting process, eliminated backlogs, and showed his GSD attitude when he put together the team that reopened I-95 in just 12 days after a portion of the highway collapsed and the experts said it would take months to repair.

Governor Shapiro is investing in the people of Pennsylvania, but he also understands that in creating opportunity, people shouldn't be defined by their worst day. That's why he delivered on his promise to reform the criminal justice system, ensuring probation serves as a tool to help Pennsylvanians re-enter their communities and paving the way for more Pennsylvanians to get the second chances they deserve.

As Governor, he has made it a priority to represent all Pennsylvanians, traveling to communities all across the Commonwealth and meeting Pennsylvanians from all walks of life.

Through it all, Governor Shapiro continues – as he's done throughout his career – to take on big fights, bring people together to get stuff done, and defend Pennsylvanians' rights and freedoms.

As Governor, he's built on his work as Attorney General, when he successfully defended the right to vote, protected reproductive freedom, held powerful corporations – like opioid manufacturers – accountable, and oversaw the groundbreaking investigation of sexual abuse into the Catholic Church.

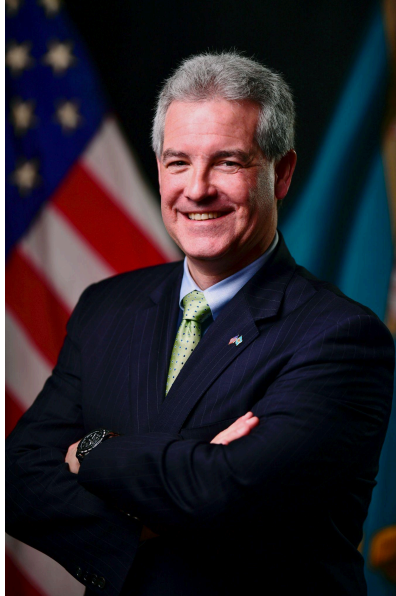
He served as Attorney General from 2017 to 2023, Chair of the Board of Commissioners in Montgomery County from 2011 to 2017, and State Representative from 2005 to 2011.

Governor Shapiro grew up in Pennsylvania, watching his parents serve their community – his father is a pediatrician and served our nation in the navy, and his mother is a retired educator. Their example and his faith inspired him to enter into public service.

Governor Shapiro is married to his high-school sweetheart, Lori. She is proud to serve the Commonwealth as its First Lady and is doing meaningful work with nonprofits and volunteer organizations all across this Commonwealth. They are the proud parents of four children: Sophia (22), Jonah (19), Max (15), and Reuben (13).

Shawn M. Garvin, Secretary

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control



Shawn M. Garvin joined Governor John Carney's cabinet in March 2017 as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, leading the agency tasked with protecting and managing Delaware's natural resources, protecting public health, providing outdoor recreational opportunities and educating Delawareans about the environment.

Secretary Garvin's career in intergovernmental affairs spans more than 25 years at the federal, state, and local levels. In November 2009, he was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Administrator of Region 3 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), overseeing the agency's work in the Mid-Atlantic, which includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia.

Before he was named regional administrator, Secretary Garvin served as the senior state and congressional liaison for EPA Region 3, providing counsel to agency leadership on complex public health and environmental matters. Prior to his service with the EPA, he served as an aide to then-U.S. Senator Joe Biden, and also was executive assistant to former New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse.

Secretary Garvin is a Delaware native and graduate of the University of Delaware.

**Richard Jackson, Director
Department of Energy and Environment**



Richard Jackson is the Director of the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). He provides strategic guidance and leadership to a workforce of more than 450 environmental professionals and oversees the daily operations of five administrations that work collaboratively to protect the environment and conserve natural resources in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Jackson joined DOEE in 2008 as a hazardous waste inspector in the Environmental Services Administration (ESA). During his tenure, he has established the Rail Safety and Emergency Response Division (RSERD), provided oversight on for the District of Columbia's Indoor Mold Inspection and Compliance Program, and managed the Site Remediation and Response Program. Notably, as Associate Director of the Toxic Substances Division, he led the largest and most complex river remediation project in the District --The Anacostia River Sediment Remediation Project (ARSP) -- a major step towards creating a cleaner, swimmable, fishable Anacostia River. Prior to his appointment as interim director, he served as senior deputy director -- the second in command at DOEE.

Mr. Jackson is established in the chemical and environmental engineering industry. Drawing on more than 20 years of experience, he has successfully led teams to solve a wide range of environmental issues. He has extensive experience in hazardous waste management, chemical production and processing, nuclear power plant maintenance, occupational safety, research development, and quality assurance auditing.

Mr. Jackson spent 21 years with the U.S. Navy as a nuclear submariner operating nuclear reactors, power generation and propulsion systems, and maintaining weapons systems. He is a proud U.S. veteran.

Scott Mandirola
Deputy Cabinet Secretary
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection



Mandirola joined the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), Division of Water and Waste Management in April 2006 as an Environmental Resources Program Manager 2 to manage the state-wide Water Quality Standards Program. He became Acting Director of the division in September 2008 and was named Director in March 2010. While he continued to hold that position, Mandirola was appointed Deputy Cabinet Secretary of WVDEP in June 2015 and served in both roles until July 2018. He is now the Deputy Cabinet Secretary for External Affairs, as well as the Chief Science Officer. Mandirola serves as the liaison between the WVDEP and outside groups such as the state legislature, federal legislators, other West Virginia State agencies, the Department of Commerce, Environmental Council of the States, EPA, USACE and the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO).

Prior to joining the WVDEP, Mandirola worked for 17 years with SGS Environmental Services Inc., the largest testing and certification company in the world. In his capacity as Production Manager, he managed 30 plus laboratory employees, performed technical review of data and aided sales and marketing with technical issues.

Prior to joining WVDEP, Mandirola worked for the Connecticut Department of Health Services, Water Supplies Section as a Planning Analyst where he collected, analyzed and organized water supply data. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry/Geology and an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies from Keene State College. Mandirola lives with his wife in Elkview WV where they raised their three children.

Carol Lamb-LaFay, P.E. Acting Deputy Commissioner for Water Resources, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

Carol Lamb-LaFay, P.E., is the Acting Deputy Commissioner for Water Resources at NYSDEC, where she leads efforts to protect and improve New York's water systems. With a strong background in engineering and decades of experience, she has overseen key water quality projects, managed watershed initiatives, and advanced climate resilience strategies. Carol collaborates with federal, state, and local partners to ensure compliance with environmental regulations and drive innovative water resource management programs across the state. Carol holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from Cornell University.





David L. Bulova
Chesapeake Bay Commission Chair
Virginia House of Delegates (D-11)

David Bulova has represented the 11th District of the Virginia House of Delegates since 2006. The 11th District includes the City of Fairfax and portions of Fairfax County. In the House, he serves on the General Laws Committee (Chair), the Appropriations Committee (Chair of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Agriculture, and Natural Resources), and the Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee. He has also been appointed to the State Water Commission, the Housing Commission, and the Major Economic Investment Commission. Professionally, David is a Project Manager at WSP Environment & Infrastructure Inc. specializing in stormwater management and Chesapeake Bay restoration.

**Jane Nishida, Acting Deputy Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**



Jane Nishida currently serves as EPA's Acting Deputy Administrator. Nishida was appointed by President Biden, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and on September 24, 2021, she was sworn in as Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA). She also served as EPA's Acting Administrator from January 20, 2021, to March 11, 2021, before the confirmation of current EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.

Nishida has over thirty-five years of environmental experience working in federal and state government, and international and nongovernmental organizations. As the Assistant Administrator for OITA, Nishida has led EPA's international and tribal portfolios, including EPA's international and tribal policies, strategies, and relationships. Nishida has worked closely with tribal governments, foreign governments, international organizations, and other key stakeholders on matters relating to EPA's environmental responsibilities.

Prior to joining EPA in 2011, Nishida served as the Senior Environmental Institutions Specialist at the World Bank. From 1995 to 2002, she was appointed as the Secretary of Maryland's Department of the Environment. Additionally, she served as the Maryland Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She also held positions as Legislative Officer in the Maryland Governor's Office and Committee Counsel in the Maryland General Assembly.

Nishida received a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C.