

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION SUMMIT

GEORGIA CHAMBER

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2024 Diversity Equity & Inclusion Summit  
Georgia International Convention Center  
November 13, 2024

## 8:30 AM – Registration Opens & Breakfast Available

### 9:00 AM – Call to Order & Remarks

**Chris Clark**, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber

### Economic Growth in Our Communities

**Martina Edwards**, President & CEO, ACE

**Tharon Johnson**, Founder/CEO, Paramount Consulting

**Santiago Marquez**, CEO, Latin American Association

**Moderator: Nikita Trivedi**, Director, Supplier Management and Strategic Shared Services, Southern Company

### Disproportionate Impacts of Weather on Communities

**Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd**, Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor

Director, Atmospheric Sciences Program, University of Georgia

Moderated by: **Mishaune Sawyer**, Senior Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager, East Region, JE Dunn Construction

### Health & Well-being for our Communities

**Kristy Klein Davis**, President & CEO, Georgia Health Initiative

**Astrid Wilkie-McKellar**, Manager, Community Outreach & Engagement, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute

**Jo Anne Hill**, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Piedmont Healthcare

Moderated by: **Myra Reeves**, Director- DEI Associate Engagement, The Home Depot

### Second Chance Hiring

**Dana Woodall**, Chief Legal Officer, Georgia Department of Labor

**Brenda J. Smeeton**, Legal Director, Georgia Justice Project

**Moderator: Kendall Jacobs**, Senior Director of Diversity and Inclusion, The Aaron's Company, Inc.

## 12:00 PM - Working Lunch

### Accessibility for Our Communities

**Aarti Sahgal**, Founder, Synergies Work

**John Morris**, Sr. Clinical Research Scientist, Shepherd Center

**Ilond Zombil Tshipau**, Vice President, Operational and Program Services, Bobby Dodd Institute  
Moderated by: **David Gascko**, Founder, HIERARCHY, INC

## **The State of Black Residents**

**McKinsey**

## **Keynote Address**

**Jay Bailey**, President & CEO, Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs

## **3:00 PM - Closing Remarks**

**Tasha Allen**, Vice President, Talent Management and Diversity, Georgia Chamber