

Governor Carney's Statement on Senate Confirmation of Cerron Cade as Secretary of Labor

DOVER, Del. – Governor John Carney on Wednesday issued the following statement on the Delaware Senate's confirmation of Cerron Cade to serve as Secretary of the Delaware Department of Labor:

"Cerron has the knowledge and experience necessary to take on this important role, and I want to thank members of the Delaware Senate for their vote of confidence in confirming his nomination. The Department of Labor's work connecting Delawareans with job training and workforce development programs has never been more important. Cerron understands the needs of Delaware businesses from his time at the Delaware's Small Business Division and, before that, at the Delaware Economic Development Office. Cerron has a proven ability to lead, and I'm confident that his experience will serve Delaware taxpayers and workers well."

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Governor Carney [nominated](#) Cerron Cade as Secretary of Labor earlier this month.

Last year, as Acting Director of the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), Cade managed the dissolution of DEDO and the creation of the new Division of Small Business, Development, and Tourism within the Delaware Department of State. Currently, he serves as the Division's Director, leading a team responsible for providing key services to Delaware businesses, administration of the Delaware Strategic

Fund, and marketing Delaware as a premier tourist destination.

During his time at DEDO and the newly-created division, Cade has led the state's efforts to attract businesses and good-paying jobs to Delaware, keep them here, and ensure that Delaware remains a leading state for businesses to grow and thrive. If confirmed by members of the Delaware Senate, he will bring that experience to the Department of Labor, where he will lead state efforts to connect Delaware businesses with talented workers, and develop relevant workforce development and training programs.

Cade grew up in Washington D.C. and moved to Delaware to study Political Science and Law Studies at Delaware State University. Driven by a desire to make a positive impact and following his passion for public service, Cade has worked as a Legislative Aide for the Delaware State House of Representatives, New Castle County Deputy County Director for U.S. Senator Tom Carper and State Projects Director for then-Congressman John Carney.

Cade joined Governor Jack Markell's staff as Legislative Liaison in 2015. Last summer, Governor Carney appointed Cade to serve as DEDO's Acting Director to lead the office's transition, where he previously served as Deputy Director.

Cade lives in Wilmington with his wife, Kasmira, and two daughters, Jonnie and Toni.

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