

LaChandra Burks

Chief Operating Officer

LaChandra Burks is a dedicated public-sector leader with a distinguished career in Atlanta City Government. Currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta, she succeeded in her previous role as Deputy Chief Operating Officer, which she held for over three years. Burks has also served as the Interim Commissioner of the City of Atlanta's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Throughout her tenure, Burks has been instrumental in advancing public safety initiatives, including significant improvements to the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department stations and enhancements in airport operations and in areas of human services. Her focus remains on addressing critical operational and infrastructure needs, particularly in public safety, public works, and transportation, as emphasized by Mayor Andre Dickens.

During her time as Interim Parks Commissioner, Burks facilitated and oversaw key components of the 10-year masterplan, which serves as the roadmap for the evolution of parks, greenspace, and recreation in Atlanta, adapting to the city's growing population and increasing needs. Additionally, she effectively managed the operation of 33 recreation centers and over 400 parks, ensuring they remained vibrant community spaces for Atlanta residents to enjoy.

An Atlanta native, Burks brings a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to her role. She has served under five previous Atlanta Mayors and has held key positions throughout the City of Atlanta, and served as an elected member and Board Chair of the Atlanta Board of Education.

In addition to her current role, Burks's leadership extends to her involvement with significant city projects and organizations. She was a Founding Board Member for the Atlanta Beltline, Inc., and a former board member of Invest Atlanta. Burks holds multiple degrees, including a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) and a Master's degree in Education (M.Ed.).

LaChandra Burks is also dedicated to her family, married with one son and a bonus daughter. Her extensive experience and unwavering dedication to public service position her as a key figure in the continued advancement and operational excellence of the City of Atlanta.