

Walter L. Simmons Short Bio

Walter L. Simmons is the Acting Secretary of the Maryland Department of Social and Economic Mobility, the first cabinet-level agency in the United States focused on removing structural barriers to upward mobility. Before serving as the agency's first secretary, Secretary Simmons spent over 15 years helping residents and businesses achieve economic prosperity through workforce development. Before joining the Moore-Miller Administration, Secretary Simmons served as the founding President & CEO of Employ Prince George's.

Secretary Simmons is nationally recognized as an accomplished nonprofit, government, and workforce development executive, having been named the 2023 Workforce Development Professional of the Year by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. Secretary Simmons has also been honored by the Maryland Daily Record as One of Maryland's 52 Most Admired CEOs and an Influential Marylander.