



DR. BAMBIE HAYNES-BROWN

Bio

Dr. Bambie is the President and CEO of Atlanta-based Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc., a statewide membership organization of over 100 affordable housing and community development agencies. Dr. Bambie holds a Bachelor's in Business Management, a Masters of Business Administration, a Doctor of Theology, a PhD in Biblical Studies and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management. Dr. Bambie is also a graduate of the Center for Civic Innovation's Fellowship Program and the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership Institute. She has 25 years' experience in rural and urban housing, community and economic development. Previously, Dr. Bambie secured a rural Empowerment Zone designation resulting in a \$20 million investment in Southwest Georgia, managed all of DeKalb County Housing Authority's special housing programs including Family Self-Sufficiency, HUD-VASH, Housing Choice Voucher to Homeownership, HUD Housing Counseling, Disaster Housing, Homeowner Rehab Programs, and the redevelopment of the former Johnson Ferry East to Ashford Parkside/Landing Residences. Dr. Bambie is a registered lobbyist, Georgia licensed Real Estate Broker, Certified Economic Development Finance Professional, co-chairs the HouseATL Policy Committee, and is Secretary of the Atlanta Housing Commission. Also, Dr. Bambie serves on several Boards including the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations, Up for Growth Action, HouseATL, the Georgia Healthy Housing Coalition and leads the Georgia Healthy Housing Equity Working Group. Formally homeless and a former public housing resident, Dr. Bambie is a highly sought-after speaker who has testified before the United States Congress and the Georgia General Assembly on lived-experience homelessness and affordable housing. Dr. Bambie Hayes-Brown is a native of rural Cordele, Georgia and enjoys splitting her time between South Georgia and Metro Atlanta.