

Biography for Global Philadelphia Association

Farah Jimenez

Farah Jimenez is the President and CEO of the [Philadelphia Education Fund \(PEF\)](#), where she leads citywide initiatives to increase college access, career readiness, STEM instruction and economic mobility for Philadelphia's public school students. Since joining PEF in 2016, she has drawn upon more than two decades of nonprofit executive management and civic leadership to expand the organization's impact, building cross-sector partnerships and advancing signature programs such as [PhillyGoes2College](#), the [College Access Program](#), [Spark Philadelphia](#) and [Philadelphia Scholars](#), the largest non-university based scholarship program in Philadelphia.

Prior to joining PEF, Farah served a four-year gubernatorial appointment to Philadelphia's School Reform Commission, the oversight body for the School District of Philadelphia until its dissolution in 2018. Her commitment to civic engagement extends to her role as Founding Board Chair and current board member of Broad + Liberty, as a board member of the Union League of Philadelphia and as an ally to the American Jewish Committee of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. She is also a Fellow of the British American Project, a transatlantic leadership network.

Farah's civic and professional contributions have been recognized through a range of high-profile appointments, including a Presidential appointment to the U.S. Department of Treasury's CDFI Fund, a U.S. Senate appointment to the Eastern District Judicial Selection Committee, and a gubernatorial appointment to the Pennsylvania Commission on Women.

A frequent commentator on civic issues, she has written as a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer and appears regularly as a panelist on *Inside Story*, a weekly public affairs program on WPVI, Philadelphia's ABC affiliate. Over the past 25 years, she has been called to lead a variety of nonprofit organizations, including those serving women and children experiencing homelessness and a Northwest Philadelphia community development corporation.

Farah holds a BA and a JD from the University of Pennsylvania, an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Chestnut Hill College, and a certificate in nonprofit management from Harvard Business School. She has visited more than 80 countries and brings to her work at PEF the same spirit of curiosity, vision, and exploration that fuels her wanderlust. This global perspective enriches her leadership, inspiring her to ensure that Philadelphia's young people can access pathways to success that are as expansive as the world itself.

