

# Leadership Delaware Board of Directors Elect Next Chief Executive Officer

Leadership Delaware, Inc. (LDI) announced that Jennifer Cohan has been elected by its Board of Directors as incoming Chief Executive Officer. Jennifer will join LDI on November 1, 2020 as CEO-Elect and will assume the position of CEO on January 1, 2021.

“We are thrilled to introduce Jennifer Cohan as our next CEO. We know that she will bring energy to Leadership Delaware, preserve and honor all that makes it a special organization, while also leveraging her vast network and entrepreneurial spirit to deliver innovative concepts to the program’s second decade of developing young leaders. Her passion for leading in the community, driving change, and developing others, have earned her the unanimous support of our Board. We are excited to hire someone of her caliber, experience and proven track record,” said Penny Saridakis, chair of the Board of Directors.

Jennifer has had a distinguished career with the State of Delaware, serving in a variety of leadership roles. Most recently, she served under Governors John Carney and Jack Markell as Secretary of Transportation from 2015 through 2020. Previously, she was director of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Jennifer has spent the last twelve years as an adjunct professor at Wilmington University, teaching leadership and public policy in the master’s program. Jennifer has also been a popular speaker at LDI for five years.

“Secretary Cohan has been a tremendous asset to our team and to the State of Delaware for more than 30 years,” said



Governor John Carney. “Jen modernized the Division of Motor Vehicles as the first woman to ever lead the division and oversaw the development of the state’s largest-ever public infrastructure program as DelDOT secretary. Her experience, intellect, and depth of knowledge about how state government works will not easily be replaced. Jen also has a unique ability to lift the spirits of those around her and rally a team around a common cause. We will miss her in state government. But I’m positive she will continue to do great work on behalf of the people of Delaware.”

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Cohan succeeds Co-Founder and CEO, Terry Strine. After twelve years of building and leading the program through growth and tremendous success that has resulted in over 300 young Delaware leaders making important contributions to Delaware’s communities, Strine will retire from management of the Leadership Delaware organization and program. “I can think of no one better to lead Leadership Delaware. Jennifer’s experience, coupled with her enthusiasm and creativity, make her the perfect choice to lead LDI,” said Strine.