

Rhonda C. Arnold, J.D.

Rhonda C. Arnold is the Chief Community Affairs Officer for the Houston Airport System in the 4th largest city in the United States of America. Ms. Arnold promotes Houston Airports and their economic importance to the region by maintaining positive, collaborative relationships with the business community with emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion. Ms. Arnold is a National Diversity Council Certified Diversity Professional and a dedicated and compassionate civic leader.

Ms. Arnold was a board member of the Women in Transportation - Houston Chapter and a former recipient of their Woman of the Year Award. She enthusiastically works on several community boards and civic organizations, including the Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce, Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce, Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce, Greater Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Corporate Community Relations Council of Houston.

Ms. Arnold is a member of the Airport Council International Business Diversity Committee. She recently served as the Large Hub Representative on the ACI Business Diversity Steering Committee (2018-2021) that prioritized and monitored changes in legislation, regulatory requirements, and business practices affecting disadvantaged business enterprises ("DBEs). She has also served as an At-Large Director of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) and as the Southwest Regional Director for several years.

Ms. Arnold was selected as the Greater Houston Women's Hall of Fame Recipient in 2020 and for the Houston Business Journal – 2020 Women Who Mean Business Award. She was also awarded the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce 2017 Trailblazer Award. Houston Chronicle named her as one of the 2016 Top 30 Houston Business Women to Watch. Additionally, she was a 2016 and 2018 Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference Distinguished Panelist Advocate for Minority Business participation in Aviation and beyond.

Ms. Arnold is also a fellow for the Center for Houston's Future Civic Leadership class and of Makers@. Ms. Arnold has addressed Aviation Business Strategies in Aberdeen, Scotland; London, England and Barcelona and Madrid Spain. She was recently a delegate on the Mayor's Trade Mission to South Africa and the recipient of the International Outreach Award from the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Arnold earned a BA in Political Science from the University of North Texas and a Juris Doctorate from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She is member of the Port City, Texas Chapter of The Links, Incorporated where she currently serves as Chaplain. Ms. Arnold is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter.