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Chief Operating Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development



William (Willy) McKain serves as chief operating officer of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, a position he assumed in February 2023. In this role, McKain oversees the internal operations of the private sector civic leadership organization, including Human Resources, Investor Relations, Information Technology and Facilities Management, as well as management of the work plan.

Prior to joining the Conference, McKain served as Allegheny county manager for more than a decade. He was responsible for the day-to-day operations of Allegheny County's 20 departments, more than 5,000 employees and a total budget exceeding \$2 billion, the second largest county budget in Pennsylvania. A certified public accountant (CPA), McKain also has experience in grant compliance reporting requirements for local, state and federal governments.

Under McKain's leadership, Allegheny County held the line on property taxes, increased its fund balance and received its highest bond rating in four decades. McKain oversaw the launch of the Park Rangers program and redeployment of county police to impact teams to serve communities in need better, directed the creation of three departments (Facilities Management, Information Technology and Children Initiatives) along with the transformation of a fourth department (Equity and Inclusion) and managed the courthouse roof project, transforming the courthouse and the downtown area.

As the county's chief administrator, McKain focused on increasing the transparency of county government by making data and information available to the public. He also expanded the use of technology across an array of initiatives from implementation of comprehensive integrated budget software and paperless contracting to leveraging Allegheny Alerts to communicate with residents and partnering on a purchasing consortium to allow municipalities to serve their communities better. During his tenure as county manager, McKain ensured funding and scheduling for several strategically important public works projects including the Sister Bridges rehabilitation, renovation of the former US Airways Service Center, the relocation of Allegheny County Emergency Services and the transition of the Kane Regional Centers to Kane Community Living Centers which offer a broader range of services to better meet the needs of residents.

Prior to his appointment as County Manager in July 2012, Willy served as the assistant to the superintendent for finance and operations for the Baldwin-Whitehall School District, beginning in October of 2009. He was also the finance director for the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon for seven years and worked in various capacities, including financial statement preparer, internal audit manager, and assistant budget director for Allegheny County government.

McKain has been a frequent presenter at the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) state conferences and chapter seminars and at the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Local Government Conference. In addition, he has participated in numerous seminars as a presenter for the Local Government Academy (LGA), including their Newly Elected Officials Course, and has been a Budget/Finance team member of the LGA Pillars of Good Government for use in evaluating the value and performance of local government services.

A member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), McKain earned two bachelor's degrees at Robert Morris College (University) in accounting and business management.

Willy and his wife, Francine, live in Mt. Lebanon and have two sons.

