

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE FOR LEONA BARR-DAVENPORT

A REPUTABLE LEADER:

Leona Barr-Davenport is known as an effective leader by a variety of decision-makers in Atlanta's civic, political, and corporate communities. She is the President and CEO of the Atlanta Business League, and in that capacity, she is associated as the face of an organization that champions both diversity and excellence in the workforce. The ABL is the last continuously operating chapter of the National Negro Business League founded by Dr. Booker T. Washington in 1900. Ms. Barr-Davenport is committed to helping African American business owners and professionals, and those who support them, to receive the training and accolades they deserve.

A PERSON WHO IS CONNECTED:

- Atlanta Rotary Club: She is a member of the most influential business and civic group in the world.
- Economic Development Corporation of Fulton County: Ms. Barr-Davenport's connection to this agency is tied to her concern about economic growth and the equitable access to prosperity in the Atlanta metro area.
- Crossroads Community Ministries: This organization assists Atlanta's homeless population.
- Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta: She has been recognized for her outstanding community service during the Salute to Black Mothers Banquet in 2000.
- Southwest Atlanta Youth Business Organization (SWAYBO): Ms. Barr-Davenport spent a decade mentoring and supporting young Atlanta based entrepreneurs.
- Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau: Board member for nearly a decade.

A LIFETIME OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Atlanta Business League:

President and CEO	1998 to present
Manager of Member Services	
Assistant to the President	
	1988 – 1998

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Senior Auditor	1984 – 1988
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Gencom, Inc.

Accounting Supervisor	1980 – 1984
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ADMIRER BY THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY:

Legacy Award from Spelman College – This was received on behalf of the Atlanta Business League’s contributions to the advancement of African American businesses.

Dean’s Community Improvement Scholarship: Shortly after earning presidential and CEO duties at the ABL , Ms. Barr-Davenport received the inaugural Dean’s Improvement Scholarship from Clark Atlanta University. She completed her master’s degree in business administration at the college in two years.

Undergraduate College Campus Queen: She was recognized in Ebony magazine while attending Benedict College.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

M.B.A. with a concentration in Marketing from Clark Atlanta University in 2001

B.S. in Business Administration and Economics from Benedict College in 1979

PERSONAL SUMMARY:

Leona Barr-Davenport was raised by her parents with six siblings in a small South Carolina town. She moved to Atlanta, GA after graduation from an HBCU and adopted the metro area as her home. Her tenacity, compassion, leadership, and dedication to workforce development propelled her from humble beginnings into the influential position she now holds as the president and CEO of the Atlanta Business League. She is a person who champions the underprivileged and offers unwavering support to the ideals associated with elevating opportunities for Black businesses. She brings wisdom, experience, and an extensive network of contacts to any board position.