



Appointments of Brian Daniels as OMB Director and Joseph Codega Jr. as State Budget Officer

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PROVIDENCE, RI – The Rhode Island Department of Administration (DOA) is announcing two appointments to its senior leadership team: Brian Daniels as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Joseph Codega Jr. as the State Budget Officer. These positions serve critical functions to the State and are vital to the integrity of the budget process and fiscal operations.

“I am excited that Brian is joining our team and that Joseph is taking on this new role to serve as stewards of resources to improve the quality of life for Rhode Islanders,” said Governor Dan McKee. “With experience at the local, state, and federal levels, Brian brings a unique perspective to OMB, and Joseph has admirably served the State over the last six years in various roles. They are proven and dedicated public servants, with the expertise needed to help guide our state.”

“Brian’s and Joseph’s understanding of complex fiscal operations will prove immensely valuable to the State,” said James E. Thorsen, Director of Administration. “I am excited to collaborate with them and the Administration as the State faces several budget challenges and opportunities.”

Brian will begin his position on November 8, and Joseph started his position on October 1.

Brian Daniels

Brian Daniels currently serves as the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns. A Rhode Island native, Brian has over 20 years of experience at the federal, state, and local levels of government. As Executive Director of the League, he collaborates with mayors, town managers, and councils to represent their perspectives on legislative and policy matters before the Legislature and state agencies.

Prior to joining the League, he served in Rhode Island’s Office of Management and Budget, originally as the State’s first Director of Performance Management, responsible for reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of all major government programs. Later, as OMB’s Deputy Budget Officer, he coordinated the State’s participation in the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, which successfully developed a cost-benefit model to evaluate Rhode Island’s adult justice and child welfare programs. Brian previously served as Policy Director for Governor Lincoln Chafee,

where he specialized in the areas of budget and tax policy, public pensions, and state and municipal administration.

Brian worked for 10 years on Capitol Hill, including six years as Legislative Director to Congressman Jim Langevin. In that capacity, he managed the office's appropriations process and served as the Congressman's staff liaison for the House Armed Services Committee. Brian has a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Studies from Duke University and a Master of Business Administration from the Yale School of Management.

Joseph Codega Jr.

Joseph Codega Jr. has been appointed Budget Officer, having most recently served as Deputy Budget Officer under retired Budget Officer Thomas Mullaney. As Deputy Budget Officer, Joseph has managed the day-to-day affairs of the Budget Office, including the production of Governor McKee's Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget. Joseph's familiarity with ongoing issues surrounding the use of federal COVID-19 and stimulus funds has provided continuity to OMB. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Joseph has appeared before legislative committees numerous times to provide updates on COVID-related federal funds.

In addition to experience as an analyst and manager in OMB over the past six years, Joseph also worked in the Department of Revenue - Office of Revenue Analysis where his assignments included tax incentive evaluation and analysis surrounding the motor vehicle excise tax phaseout.

Joseph has a Master of Public Affairs degree with an emphasis in Public and Cross Sector Management from Brown University and an undergraduate degree from Princeton University. In addition to his experience in state government, Joseph has prior experience as a high school social studies and government teacher in Connecticut.