

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9-16

COMMISSION ON ADULT EDUCATION

WHEREAS, adult education fosters adult literacy, which is key to citizens' growth and well-being throughout the nation and in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, adult literacy enhances the opportunities of citizens to earn a living and enjoy satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, adult literacy encourages parents to embrace their role as the first and most important teacher of their children; and

WHEREAS, adult literacy, including digital literacy, promotes participation in all aspects of civic life and democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Managing Director's Office to improve the lives of all citizens of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to provide equal opportunity to all of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the powers vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON ADULT EDUCATION

The Commission on Adult Education is hereby established. The purpose of the Commission shall be:

- (a) To advise and counsel the Office of Adult Education, established by the Managing Director, on ways to promote adult literacy, workforce/workplace education and numeracy among Philadelphia residents;
- (b) To advise and counsel the Mayor concerning public policies that affect adult literacy and workforce efforts;
- (c) To provide a forum for discussing policy issues relating to adult literacy and adult digital literacy;
- (d) To promote an awareness of the need for action;
- (e) To encourage increased volunteer efforts;

- (f) To encourage private sector involvement and community partnerships to support adult literacy and adult digital literacy efforts and to leverage resources;
- (g) To encourage professional development for practitioners and service providers as well as technical assistance and support to programs; and
- (d) To work to equip all adults in Philadelphia with the education they need to qualify for family-sustaining jobs and post-secondary opportunities and education.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES

- (a) The Commission shall be composed of no fewer than three, and no more than nine, members appointed by the Mayor. The membership shall represent a diverse cross-section of individuals involved in areas such as education agencies and institutions, libraries, business, labor, churches, job training, and civic and community organizations.
- (b) Members of the Commission shall serve terms of three years. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and shall be eligible for reappointment to successive terms.
- (c) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.
- (d) A chair of the Commission shall be selected annually by the members of the Commission from among themselves, to serve a one-year term.
- (e) The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at his pleasure. The same appointee shall also serve as Executive Director of the Office of Adult Education.
- (f) The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and internal organization. Such rules shall become effective only after approval by the Administrative Board, and shall be consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.
- (g) The Commission shall convene regularly at such times and places as it may designate.

SECTION 3. DUTIES

- (a) The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Office of Adult Education, within the Managing Director's Office, and the Mayor on the initiation, development, and implementation of policies and programs throughout City government to achieve the purposes of this Executive Order.

(b) The Managing Director's Office shall be responsible for supervising the implementation of the policies, programs and services recommended by the Commission and approved by the Mayor.

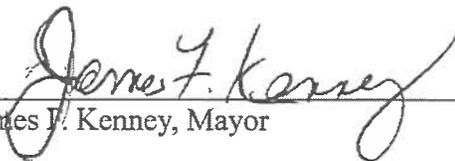
SECTION 4. PRIOR ORDERS

Executive Order 04-10, dated September 8, 2010, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This order shall be effective upon its execution by the Mayor.

DATE: September 8, 2016


James F. Kenney, Mayor