

Marcia Nelson

Marcia Nelson is an Executive Fellow with the Canadian Centre for Advanced Leadership, at the Haskayne School of Business, and the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary.

Prior to this appointment in May 2019, Marcia enjoyed a successful and rewarding career as an executive leader in the public service. She was appointed Deputy Minister of Executive Council, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Alberta Public Service in April 2016, after serving as the Associate Deputy Minister of Executive Council from 2015-2016. Marcia also held several Deputy Minister positions - Housing and Urban Affairs (2008-2011), Health (2011-2013), Infrastructure (2013-2014) and Innovation and Advanced Education (2014-2015).

Marcia began her career in public service working for the Ontario government for 13 years, and held a variety of policy, planning, and research positions in several ministries. Born and raised in rural Ontario, Marcia graduated with a Masters of Arts in Public Policy and Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from McMaster University. She completed the Institute of Corporate Directors' Directors Education Program in 2013. She currently serves as a director on the Alberta Blue Cross board, and has served on a number of national, provincial, and community non-profit boards.