

Sheila D. McKoy, President, SDM Art Solution Service, LLC, has managed the selection of many artists around the nation, overseeing contract negotiations with contractors and artists alike. She has also connected communities, consultants, architects and engineers, guiding the process of integrating artwork into the transportation system. Sheila has successfully produced over 160 public arts projects at transit facilities throughout the transportation system serving the state of New Jersey.

Sheila retired from NJ TRANSIT in 2015 after more than 29 years of dedicated employment that contributed to her own personal growth as well as the growth of art in this public forum. She successfully served as the Director of the Transit Arts Program for 16 years. During her tenure, she launched the first micro-site on NJ TRANSIT's website, which showcases artists, their works of art and the locations of their installations throughout NJ TRANSIT's Transportation system. Sheila has had the pleasure of working with such notable artist as Albert Paley, Larry Kirkland, Cork Marcheschi, Richard Hass, Wopo Holup and Willie Cole, just to name a few

Sheila has passionately served as the President of the Newark Arts Council for the past three years and has been a trustee for six years. During her tenure as President she had led the organization through significant change and growth, which has been most transformational for the overall organization and those it serves. Her enduring focus and ongoing effort have resulted in new and inspired organizational leadership, capacity building, holistic planning, historic funding with a \$1 million grant from Prudential and heightened board development.

Sheila has been a model leader and mentor to many. She has been a recognized speaker and expert throughout her career, participating in panel discussions on public art at Pratt Institute, New State Council on the Arts; creative place-making conferences, as well as at various museums and galleries.

She holds a BA in Management from Dowling College and an MBA from St. Peter's University.