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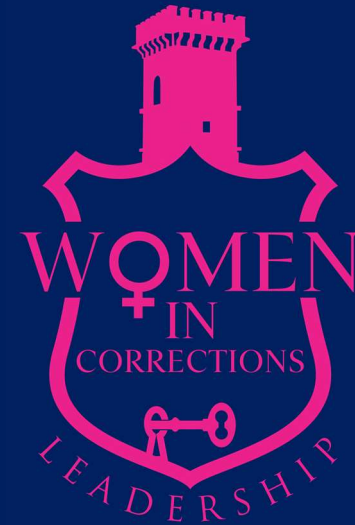
*empower*, and

*prepare* women in the

Connecticut Department of Correction for roles in leadership throughout the agency



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I Will,

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**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTION**

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# Our Supporters & Sponsors

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# Speakers Day 1

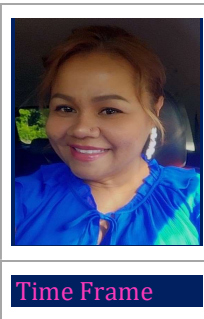
## Commissioner Angel Quiros



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## Retired Deputy Warden Yadira



Time Frame

Yadira Otero began her career in the Department of Correction in June of 1997 and steadily moved up the ranks, becoming a Deputy Warden in 2013 a position in which served until her retirement in 2019.

She is currently a Criminal Justice Adjunct Professor at Quinebaug Valley Community College, a Domestic and Family Violence Facilitator at Wheeler Clinic, and a Human Resources-Employee Relations Investigator at the Capitol Region Education Council.

She earned her Masters of Science in Human 2012 and graduated Springfield College in 2009 with a Bachelor's of Science in Human Service.

# Speakers Day 1

## Deputy Commissioner Sharonda Carlos



8:50AM

Sharonda Carlos currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner of Administration for the Department of Correction. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of New Haven, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences and a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies and is a certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor through the Department of Public Health; a licensed minister within her local church and also serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Law Studies at Mitchell College. She enjoys helping the women around her to carve out a strong path towards reaching their potential.

## District Administrator Eulalia Garcia



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# Speakers Day 1

## State Representative Robyn Porter



State Representative Robyn A. Porter was first elected to the CT House of Representatives on April 28, 2014, following a special election. Since winning the 94th Assembly District seat,

In 2017, Porter was chosen House chairwoman of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

She is currently the Chief Majority Whip and serves as a member of the Appropriations and Judiciary committees and is the co-chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight and Policy Committee's (JJPOC's) Education Subcommittee and sits on the boards of Women Against Mass Incarceration (W.A.M.I.), Second Chance Reentry Initiative Program (SCRIP), is a member of Stop Solitary CT (SSCT) Steering Committee and is a member of the Hall of Change (HOC) Select Committee.

## Public Defender Tashaun Brown-Lewis



Time Frame

TaShun Bowden-Lewis was appointed as the State of Connecticut's first Black Chief Public Defender in 2022. A graduate of the Quinnipiac University School of Law, she has worked for the Division of Public Defender Services for 26 years. She is a 2023 James W. Cooper Fellow and is also an Associate Professor at Post University in Waterbury.

TaShun has chaired a local, grassroots organization, served on an advisory board for a local Connecticut high school and facilitates workshops and seminars for at-risk youth and young women throughout Fairfield County. She is also a mentor and commits countless hours volunteering with youth and young adults.

# Speakers Day 1

## Holly Quackenbush Darin

Holly Quackenbush Darin began her career with the Department of Correction in 2012 as a Legislative & Administrative Advisor 2 and was promoted to Equal Employment Opportunity Director in 2013. She holds a B.A. from the State University of New York in 1985 and a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Prior to joining the Department, Holly was a labor and employment law attorney for fifteen years, a Probate Judge for the District of Killingworth and served as a Probate Court Magistrate.

## Lieutenant Cross

## Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz



Time Frame

Sworn in on January 2023, Susan Bysiewicz is serving her second term as Connecticut's 109th Lieutenant Governor.

Lt. Governor Bysiewicz formerly served as Connecticut's Secretary of the State from 1999 to 2011. As a state representative in the Connecticut General Assembly, Lt. Governor Bysiewicz represented the towns of Middletown, Middlefield, and Durham from 1993 to 1999.

Lt. Governor Bysiewicz graduated from Middletown High School, Yale University and Duke Law School. She is the author of "Ella: A Biography of Ella Grasso," Connecticut's 83rd Governor.

Lt. Governor Bysiewicz and her husband David Donaldson reside in Middletown.

# Speakers Day 2

## Senator Heather Summers

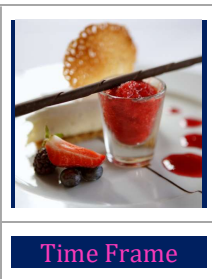


Senator Heather Somers was elected to serve the 18th Senate district in November 2016. A Chief Deputy Senate Republican Leader, Sen. Somers serves as Ranking Member of the Public Health Committee; is ranking Senator on the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee and serves as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

She served on the state's Covid Vaccine Advisory Committee; Chairperson of the Vaccine Communications Subcommittee and served for five terms on the Groton Town Council.

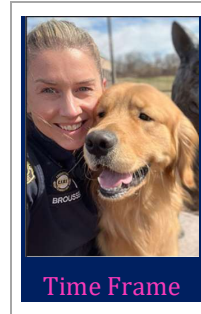
A native of Groton, Sen. Somers served as Mayor for the Town of Groton from 2012-2014 and served as the Chairman of the Council's Economic Development Committee; the Finance and Public Health committees as well as the Utilities Expansion Steering Committee.

## Life Coach Kim De-Young

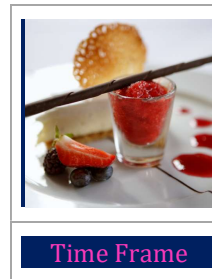


# Speakers Day 2

## Kristen Brousseau



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