

Hon. Peter Blake Bio

Peter Blake currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Governing Boards. He served as the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, from 2012 to 2024. Since his retirement from SCHEV in 2024, Mr. Blake has served as interim president of the Commonwealth Alliance for Rural Colleges and as a senior advisor for the Lead Virginia leadership program. He currently serves on the board of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia.

He previously worked as a vice chancellor for the Virginia Community College System, as Deputy Secretary and Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and as a legislative analyst for the Virginia House Appropriations Committee. He began his work for the Commonwealth at the Department of Planning and Budget and SCHEV. Out of college, he worked for several publications in the greater Richmond area.

He holds a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in mass communication from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he served as editor of the Commonwealth Times. He is a member of the 2008 class of Lead Virginia and completed The Executive Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business in 2016. Mr. Blake has served on several state and regional education-related boards, including the Richmond Public Library and the Richmond Public Library Foundation.