



## **Ken Ampy, CEO** Astyra Corporation



Ken Ampy serves as Astyra Corporation's Chief Executive Officer. In this role, he is responsible for the company's overall leadership, culture, and vision; raising the business community's awareness of the corporation. His knowledge of technology, business, and problem-solving spans more than 25 years; resulting in numerous awards including the company appearing 6 times on the prestigious list of INC. Magazine's Fastest Growing Companies In America and 4 appearances on Fortune Magazine's Top 100 Inner City Businesses in America.

A country boy at heart, Mr. Ampy is very active in the business community. He is directly involved with and has held senior leadership roles in several business and non-profit organizations over the years to include:

- ⦿ 7-time Gubernatorial Appointee (see below)
- ⦿ Virginia Credit Union Board of Directors (current Board Chairman)
- ⦿ State Council for Higher Education for Virginia (current Board Chairman)
- ⦿ Chamber RVA Board of Directors (current Treasurer)
- ⦿ Metropolitan Business League Board (past Board Chairman)
- ⦿ Venture Richmond (former Governance Committee Chair and Executive Board)
- ⦿ Old Dominion University Strome School of Business Executive Advisory Board
- ⦿ University of Richmond Robins School of Business Executive Advisory Board
- ⦿ Science Museum of Virginia Foundation Board
- ⦿ American Red Cross Capital Area Board of Advisors
- ⦿ Bon Secours of Richmond Health Care Foundation Board
- ⦿ Maggie Walker Anti-Poverty Commission
- ⦿ Virginia Early Childhood Foundation Board
- ⦿ Big Brothers Big Sisters Board

In 2005, Mr. Ampy was appointed by Governor Mark Warner, and subsequently reappointed in 2009 by Governor Tim Kaine, to serve on the Board of Visitors of his alma mater Old Dominion University. During his 8-year tenure with the University, Mr. Ampy served as the Chairman of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee, Chairman of the Student Advancement Committee, and as Secretary of the Board. In 2014, Mr. Ampy was once again a gubernatorial appointee when Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed him to the Virginia BioTech Research Park Authority Board; then reappointed in 2018. He serves as Governance Committee Chair. In 2016, Governor McAuliffe also appointed Mr. Ampy to the State Council of Higher Education in

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Virginia (SCHEV) Board where he is currently Council Chairman and previously chaired the Academic Affairs committee. Mr. Ampy was subsequently reappointed to both boards by Governor Ralph Northam.

Mr. Ampy is also a business scholar having attended Executive Management Programs at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, and the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. Mr. Ampy has rounded out his leadership development as a participant in Leadership Metro Richmond and LEAD Virginia.

Mr. Ampy has been the recipient of numerous personal awards throughout his professional career. They include Virginia Magazine's 2023 inaugural list of Virginia's Top Black Executives, Old Dominion University Alumni Service Award, University of Richmond Robins School of Business Executive of the Year, the Oliver R. Singleton Humanitarian Award, Team Up Richmond Vision Award, Metropolitan Business League Distinguished Community Service Award, Science Museum of Virginia's Kugel Ball Honoree, Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council Entrepreneurs of the Year (2 times) and Lasting Impressions award (3 times), Metropolitan Business League Entrepreneurs of the Year (2 times). He was a finalist for the Tayloe Murphy Resilience Award and Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Mr. Ampy lives in Midlothian, Virginia with his wife, LaTrice; a fellow ODU alumnus. His two adult children live in Richmond and are ODU alumni as well.