

# Kelly Robertson-Slagle

**Director, Charles County Economic Development Department (CCEDD)**



Kelly Robertson-Slagle was appointed Director of Economic Development for Charles County, Maryland, in November 2021, becoming the first female economic development director in the county. In this role, Ms. Robertson-Slagle directs all services and activities of the 12-person department including attracting increased capital investments and expanding and diversifying employment opportunities, agricultural development and marketing.

Ms. Robertson-Slagle has over 25 years of extensive experience in planning, organizing, and implementing economic development functions from conception to completion, including working with new and expanding businesses and cultivating relationships between the local business community, counties, and economic development agencies at the state, regional and federal level.

Prior to joining Charles County Government, Ms. Robertson-Slagle served fifteen years with the Calvert County, Maryland Department of Economic Development holding positions in

both business retention and business development as well as serving as the Director of Economic Development from July 2017 – Oct 2021. Her previous economic development experience also includes serving as director of the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) where she provided leadership in planning, coordinating and overseeing the development, delivery and reporting of all professional programs, activities and services for the Southern Maryland region and business development specialist with the Maryland Department of Commerce where she worked directly with local jurisdictions on business retention and expansion projects.

Ms. Robertson-Slagle currently serves as the Secretary for the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) Board of Directors, is a founding board member of Southern Maryland Innovates initiative and is the past Chair of the Southern Maryland Regional Innovation Collaborative. She is past chair of the Southern Maryland Economic Development Association (SMEDA) and formerly a board member of the Cedar Point Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the University Systems of Maryland at Southern Maryland Board of Advisors and College of Southern Maryland Foundation.

Ms. Robertson-Slagle earned her Associate of Science Degree in Business Administration and Management Development from the College of Southern Maryland and Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park. She is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Maryland and a 2010 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland and a 2021 graduate of the National Association of Counties (NACO) High Performance Leadership Academy. And in 2022, received her Master Economic Development Practitioner (MEDP) Certification from the University of Southern Mississippi

Ms. Robertson-Slagle is a lifelong resident of Charles County and the proud mom of two grown children. She and her husband Jeff reside in La Plata, Maryland.