

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Ph.D.
President, Orange Housing Development Corporation
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Walter D. McNeil, Jr. is the current President and CEO of the Orange Housing Development Corporation and the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange. Dr. McNeil has over 25 years of public sector, nonprofit, housing and real estate experience. He has served as an elected Freeholder in Union County as well Business Administrator for the City of Plainfield. He has also served as an executive with The Arc of New Jersey, a statewide non-profit serving people with developmental disabilities. Dr. McNeil received his real estate license in 1985 from The State of NJ and he has practiced real estate and followed real estate and market trends since that time. For the past 10 years he has served as an executive director with housing authorities in the State of New Jersey.

He specializes in reorganizing troubled housing authorities so they are no longer designated as troubled by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dr. McNeil's background in government and non-profit finance and administration uniquely qualifies him to administer housing and development authorities. While serving in these various positions, Dr. McNeil has been able to qualify as a Registered Public Purchasing Agent with the State of NJ. The State of New Jersey and Rutgers University have also certified him as an Executive Director for housing and redevelopment authorities. The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials has certified him as a Public Housing Manager and a Section 8 Housing Manager. He has been qualified by the New Jersey State Judiciary as Mediator for the Court. He has also taken various tax credit courses in New Jersey and nationally to assist with his understanding of the tax credit process.

Dr. McNeil has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bates College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kean College. He also earned his Doctorate in Human Services with a concentration in Management of Nonprofit Agencies from Capella University.