



## **Melinda Johnson Joins Compass as new Philadelphia Executive Director**



**Philadelphia, PA (April 27, 2021)** – Compass, a leader in providing strategic guidance and pro bono consulting to local nonprofits, is pleased to announce that Melinda Johnson will join as Executive Director of its Philadelphia operations on May 3, 2021. Melinda is replacing Beth Dahle, who will leave in mid-May after seven years to pursue other interests. Beth’s support for a smooth transition ensures the Greater Philadelphia community will seamlessly benefit from Compass’ services.

“I want to thank Beth for her leadership and relentless commitment to Compass and the Greater Philadelphia community,” said Suzanne Laporte, President of Compass. “Her accomplishments are many and include building a community of business professional volunteers, delivering needed services to nonprofits across issue areas, and increasing the network of companies and foundations that support Compass for the greater good in Philadelphia.”

“It’s truly been an honor to lead Compass Philadelphia,” said Beth Dahle. “I’m grateful for the many exceptional people I’ve had the privilege to work with at Compass and in our community. Compass is in great hands with Melinda as Philadelphia’s new Executive Director.”

Melinda is an exciting addition to Compass. She has over 15 years of experience leading nonprofit operations, grant administration, and donor relations. Melinda has held leadership positions, recently as Director of Administrative Operations at Drexel University – Institute for Women’s Health & Leadership. She is an author of academic publications and a sought-after speaker and guest lecturer.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to build upon Compass’ innovative approach to serving nonprofits and helping business professionals make meaningful contributions to the community,” said Melinda. “For me, it’s always been about making a difference, and this is a fantastic opportunity to transform communities.”

Melinda holds her Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership & Management from Drexel University; Master of Science in Higher Education from Drexel University; and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Stanford University. She is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations.

### **About Compass**

Compass believes nonprofits are the backbone of strong and vibrant communities and knows many are overstretched and under-resourced. Few can afford top-tier consulting firms. Compass has dedicated employees in Chicago, Greater Philadelphia, and Greater Washington, and has been providing pro bono professional consulting services to nonprofit organizations since 2001. We have connected more than 3,500 business professionals with nonprofits to complete 875 projects, providing over \$91 million in pro bono consulting services. To date, Compass has also placed 163 professionals onto 102 nonprofit boards. For more information, visit us at [compassprobono.org](http://compassprobono.org).

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