

New Bedford's Mayor Mitchell appoints Director of Facilities and Fleet Management

Mayor Jon Mitchell has appointed Jennifer Vieira as the City's Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management (DFFM).

Vieira has served as the department's acting director since December 2021. She has worked for the City since 2011, in roles of increasing complexity and responsibility in the Treasurer's Office, City Clerk's Office, Assessor's Office, the Auditor's Office and then with DFFM.

In the Auditor's Office, where she worked for eight years, she served as a Management Analyst and monitored departmental financial transactions for compliance with state law. She also monitored revenue and expenditures to ensure sound fiscal control, and managed City payroll. She then moved to DFFM and served as its Finance & Operations Manager, before her acting director role.

"Jen has a thorough knowledge of DFFM's operations and has served effectively as acting director for nearly a year," Mayor Jon Mitchell said. "I am confident that she has the capacity to grow into a first-rate manager."

Prior to starting with the city in 2011, Vieira worked for the New Bedford Zoning Board of Appeals and compiled several years of experience in banking and business management. She has completed numerous courses, certifications, and trainings related to municipal government, including Uniform Massachusetts Accounting System (UMAS) training; Municipal Finance Management from Suffolk University of Boston; and

Supervisory Leadership Development from the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the University of Massachusetts Boston. Vieira also is MCPPO certified with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

City Council approved Mayor Mitchell's nomination of Vieira on Aug. 18.