

Maurice A. Jones
Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Office of Governor Terence R. McAuliffe



Maurice Jones was appointed Secretary of Commerce and Trade by Governor Terry McAuliffe in January 2014. The primary job of the Secretariat of Commerce and Trade is to utilize Virginia's assets to solidify its position as the preeminent place to live, work and conduct business.

Secretary Jones previously served as Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from April 2012 through January 2014. As the second most senior official at HUD, Jones managed the Department's day-to-day operations, the annual operating budget of \$40 billion, and the agency's 8,900 employees.

Before his appointment at HUD, Jones was President of Pilot Media, the largest print and digital organization in Hampton Roads, Virginia. He joined Landmark Media Enterprises, owner of Pilot Media, in 2005, serving as Vice President of the Landmark Publishing Group, in 2006, he became the Vice President and General Manager of Pilot Media, and in 2008 he became President and Publisher of The Virginian-Pilot.

Secretary Jones also served as the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services and Deputy Chief of Staff to then-Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner. Other positions include: Special Assistant to the General Counsel at the U.S. Treasury Department, Legal Counsel to the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund and Director of the Fund during the Clinton Administration, Associate at Hunton & Williams in Richmond, Virginia, and Partner at Venture Philanthropy Partners.

Jones received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hampden-Sydney College and attended Oxford University in England on a Rhodes Scholarship, where he received a Master of Philosophy in International Relations. He later received a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia. A Kenbridge, Virginia native, Jones currently resides in Norfolk, Virginia with his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Michela.