

Doris Carson Williams, a Pittsburgh native who grew up in Homewood, can pinpoint the exact source of inspiration that led her to a long and prosperous career in the city's business community. She is quoted as saying, "Initially, I thought I was going into the medical profession, but that changed quickly because I fell in love watching all of the billboards of women with briefcases. I always wanted to be one of those women."

Williams' influence on the Pittsburgh region has been multi-faceted, but she is most notable for her role in the African American Chamber which she built from the ground up, with 28 paid members. She is the current Chief Executive Officer and has been at the helm of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania for the past 25 years. This is a full-service chamber that advocates for minority and small business owners throughout Western Pennsylvania—in good times and bad. Providing various services to its members, which include corporate sponsors, supporters and minority-owned small businesses.

Williams is a board member of Highmark, Allegheny Health Network, and Vice Chair of the Highmark Foundation. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and is the immediate past President of the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline. A certified member of the National Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and member of their Board of Directors, Williams co-chaired the 2014 G-20 summit in Pittsburgh.

Williams was named Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in January 2023. A member of the International Women's Forum, Doris holds the entrepreneur of the year award by Washington and Jefferson College, and the 2017 Pittsburgh Opera Maecenas Community Leadership Award.

She is a graduate of the University of Hartford, holds a Graduate Certificate from Fairfield University in Banking and Finance, and is a Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's Katz School of Business with a Certificate in their Management Program for Executives. She was bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Carlow University.

Williams resides in Pittsburgh, has one son, James III, and is the proud grandmother of James IV and Jade Marie Williams.