Ms. Burns is the former chairman and CEO of Xerox Corporation, and was the first black woman to head a Fortune 500 company. She joined Xerox as an intern in 1980 and went on to hold leadership posts in corporate services, manufacturing and product development. Ms. Burns was named president in 2007, chief executive officer in 2009 and chairman in 2010.

During her Xerox tenure, she helped the company transform from a global leader in document technology to the world’s most diversified business services company serving enterprises and governments of all sizes. She regularly appears on both Fortune and Forbes magazines’ lists of the world’s most powerful women. Ms. Burns currently serves as chair and CEO of VEON, a leading global provider of connectivity and internet services.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Ms. Burns to help lead the White House national program on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). In 2015 she was appointed chair of the President’s Export Council. Her board memberships include American Express Corporation, Exxon Mobil Corporation, VEON, Nestlé and Uber. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Ford Foundation.