



Ursula Burns

Polytechnic Institute of New York University; Columbia University
Board member since 2017

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 chair 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. After her retirement from Xerox, Burns was chair and CEO of VEON, a leading global provider of connectivity and internet services. Serving at VEON from 2018 until 2020, Burns successfully steered the company through various compliance and restructuring changes.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Ms. Burns to lead the White House national program on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and she served as chair of the President's Export Council from 2015 until 2016, after serving as vice chair from

2010 until 2015. In February 2022, Burns joined the U.S. Department of Commerce's Advisory Council on Supply Chain Competitiveness as vice chair.

Her board memberships include Uber Technologies Inc., Endeavor Group Holdings, Inc., and IHS Holdings, and she is an active participant of the Board Diversity Action Alliance. She is also a founding partner of Integrum Holdings, a private equity firm, non-executive chair of Teneo Holdings LLC, and executive chair of Plum Acquisition Corp. I. She also provides leadership counsel to several community, educational and non-profit organizations, including the Ford Foundation, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Corporation and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, among others.

Burns holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Polytechnic Institute of New York University. Burns is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Royal Academy of Engineering and the G7 Gender Equity Advisory Council. Her book "Where You Are Is Not Who You Are" was published in June 2021.