



MARLENA SESSIONS - BIO

Marlena Sessions began serving The City of Sunnyvale as Director of NOVAWorks in November 2021. Marlena has also served as Senior Vice President for Grant Associates, and as Chief Executive Officer for the Workforce Development Council of Seattle King County from 2009-2017.

Marlena currently serves on the National Association of Workforce Boards Board of Directors. She also serves on the John J. Heidrich School of Workforce Development National Advisory Committee at Rutgers University.

She has long advocated for career pathways and self-sufficiency for all and strategic talent pipeline development for all industries. She has testified in front of the U.S. Senate and House multiple times on these issues.

Marlena holds a Bachelor's Degree from Whitworth University and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. She is married to Paul Ringo and they have two children, Isabel and Isak.