

Patricia Hoben Biography

Patricia Hoben has served as President/Executive Director of City Forward Collective, a Milwaukee-based education support and advocacy organization, since July 2019. Dr. Hoben was the founder of Carmen High School of Science and Technology and, until June 2019, served as CEO of Carmen Schools of Science and Technology. Under Dr. Hoben's leadership, Carmen grew from one high-performing college and career preparatory high school to a network of public charter schools with three high schools, two middle schools, and an elementary school (Stellar Elementary).

Over the course of her career, Dr. Hoben served in a variety of science policy, nonprofit management, and education reform roles at the national, state, and local levels. She was a policy analyst on studies of the U.S. biotechnology industry and the international human genome-mapping project for the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment. Dr. Hoben then went on to work for the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health as an advisor on public health and science policy issues. Later she launched and managed the pre-college and public science education grants program at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a philanthropy funding scientific research and education. Dr. Hoben also served in a special legislative appointment at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission where she led a major study on the perceived health effects of electromagnetic fields. Dr. Hoben was the Associate Director of a Minneapolis-based science museum, the Bakken Museum of Electricity in Life, where she led a \$10 million expansion of programs and exhibits. Her policy and program management experience positioned her for success in establishing and leading a \$6 million community collaborative to strengthen K-12 science education in the Minneapolis Public Schools in the late 1990s.

Dr. Hoben earned a doctoral degree in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University in 1984, but left research early in her career to work in science and technology policy in Washington DC. She has a Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Oregon and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Colorado with a B.S. in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental, Biology. Dr. Hoben currently serves on the boards of the Milwaukee Harbor District, the Milwaukee Public Museum, Teach for America – Milwaukee, and All-In Milwaukee. She received the Milwaukee Business Journal's Woman of Influence award for Innovation in 2009 and is the recipient of awards from the United Community Center and Casa Romero Renewal Center in recognition of her leadership of Carmen Schools of Science and Technology.