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**African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey Establishes
Chief Strategy & Policy Officer Position**

(Trenton, New Jersey, March 2, 2026) The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ) today announced the creation of a new executive role, Chief Strategy & Policy Officer, marking a strategic expansion of the Chamber's policy, legal, and institutional leadership across New Jersey.

The Chief Strategy & Policy Officer (CSPO) role integrates legislative engagement, supplier diversity accountability, access to capital reform, health equity alignment, and corporate partnership development within a unified executive office designed to drive measurable economic outcomes and expand contracting and capital access for Black-owned businesses statewide.

AACCNJ President and CEO John E. Harmon, Sr., IOM stated:

“The establishment of the Chief Strategy & Policy Officer position reflects the continued evolution of this Chamber. We are proud to announce that Tanya L. Freeman, Esq. is serving as our inaugural CSPO. We are strengthening our ability to align legal insight with policy development, advance transparency and accountability in procurement systems, and build strategic partnerships that create real opportunity for Black-owned businesses throughout New Jersey. Tanya brings executive governance experience and legal acumen that will enhance our effectiveness and influence at every level.”

Freeman is an attorney and executive leader with more than 25 years of experience guiding complex organizations. Her leadership spans public governance, legal strategy, executive recruitment, fiscal oversight, and institutional transformation across both public and private sector institutions.

As CSPO, Freeman will lead AACCNJ's legislative engagement strategy, oversee the development of policy frameworks and legal analysis supporting economic reform initiatives, convene cross-sector economic leadership forums, and work with lawmakers, state agencies, and corporate leaders to strengthen procurement accountability and expand access to capital and contracting opportunities for members of the AACCNJ.

Freeman stated:

“AACCNJ has long stood as the leading voice for economic opportunity for Black-owned businesses in New Jersey. The creation of this role builds upon that powerful foundation and signals an even deeper alignment between law, policy, and economic growth. I am honored to work alongside John, the AACCNJ Board, and its dedicated staff, as well as policymakers and industry leaders, to ensure that access to contracting, capital, and opportunity is not defined by limitation, but by possibility. Together, we will continue advancing a future where Black-owned businesses thrive as a central force in our state’s economic prosperity.”

About the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey serves as the state’s leading voice for economic empowerment, business development, and public policy advocacy for Black-owned and minority-owned businesses. The Chamber provides access, resources, and partnerships that drive business success and generational wealth.

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