

John G. Williams

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)



John Williams was appointed Chief Policy Officer for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) on June 24, 2025.

In this position, Mr. Williams is responsible for providing guidance for energy policy development for New York State, which includes work with NYSERDA's Government and Regulatory Affairs unit, as well as supporting statewide policy activities including the Energy Planning Board, the Climate Action Council, and the multi-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. He oversees the Policy, Analysis, & Research team, providing economic analysis and scientific research to best inform policymakers in energy and environmental issues as well as the Business Performance Management unit, which provides market characterization and evaluation, markets and statistical insights, and metrics and performance analysis, all of which guide effective clean energy strategies. In addition, Mr. Williams' responsibilities include the reporting and performance of NYSERDA's West Valley Site Management Program.

Mr. Williams serves as NYSERDA's designee on the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Mr. Williams currently serves as Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Energy Officials. Mr. Williams is the recipient in 2021 of a Public Service Excellence Award from the State Academy for Public Administration.

Mr. Williams' previous work experience includes serving as Energy Counsel for the New York State Assembly; Staff Attorney for The Energy Project of the Pace University School of Law; and Financial Analyst for the Public Service Company of New Mexico, a combined electric and natural gas utility serving the largest markets in the state of New Mexico. Mr. Williams earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Columbia University, a Juris Doctor degree from the St. John's University School of Law, and a Master of Laws degree in Environmental Law from the Pace University School of Law. He is a licensed attorney in the states of New York and New Jersey.