



Velma Morgan, Chair Operation Black Vote Canada (OBVC)

Velma Morgan is a leader with proven experience in creating and implementing policies and programs in the provincial government for over 10 years. Her comprehensive knowledge of government and public policy processes allows her to quickly decipher and analyze complex issues and positively contributes to a solution. Through her positions in the provincial government and work in education, she ensured that the voices of marginalized communities were reflected in policies and government's communications. Community and business leaders of a variety of backgrounds regularly solicit Velma to deliver results in the area of policy, community and social development.

As Chair of Operation Black Vote Canada, she is the architect of the first ever Black Community provincial leaders' debate, Black Women's Political Summit and Next Generation Political Summit. Velma is also involved in a myriad of community and not-for-profit associations. Some of her roles includes: Jean Augustine Chair in Education, past Chair of Election Readiness, former National Board Member of Equal Voice, Black Experience in Toronto Project, GTA Political Summit, Canadian Centre for Political Leadership, and she continues to participate in election campaigns at the Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels across Ontario.

Velma has been featured in a number of publications: When Ackee meets Codfish, a special 50th anniversary publication that celebrates Jamaica Canadians and their achievements and contributions to Canada over the past 50 years, ETFO Voices. She has been a repeat speaker for ETFO "And Still I Rise" conference and Women in Politics forum.

Velma is the recipient of the John Brooks Community Foundation Scholarship Fund Community Service Award, the TNT Eagles Community Service Award, the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Volunteer Award for her service and commitment to youth and her community, the Canadian International Black Women's Enterprise 100 Black Women to watch 2015 and 100ABC women 2018. (Taken from OBVC Website)