

DLT Director Scott R. Jensen



Unanimously confirmed as the Director of the Department of Labor and Training by the State Senate on Feb. 11, 2015, Scott R. Jensen brings to Rhode Island and to the Administration of Governor Gina M. Raimondo an array of directly relevant skills and experience earned in his career in state and local government and in academia.

Scott was Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) from 2012 to 2014. At DLLR, he led the development, launch, and implementation of EARN Maryland. Standing for Employment Advancement Right Now, EARN is a cutting-edge “sector strategies” workforce and economic development initiative that helped spur Maryland to regaining all of the jobs that it had lost in the Great Recession — a year ahead of schedule. Among his many responsibilities and assignments in his eight years of service at the Maryland DLLR, Scott personally led the State’s response in 2012 to the closing of the Sparrow Point steel plant, where 2,000 steel workers lost their jobs and Baltimore lost an iconic industry.

Previously, Scott served two four-year terms on the City Council of Easton, Maryland. In this role, he represented more than 3,000 constituents of Easton’s Second Ward, had oversight responsibility of five departments with a combined budget of \$33 million, negotiated a difficult consensus between developers and community groups over two controversial projects, and helped save a local hospital.

Scott received a bachelor’s degree in history from Illinois State, a master’s degree in liberal education from St. John’s College in Annapolis, MD, and was a Ph.D. candidate in philosophy at the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York, NY. Before entering public service, Scott also taught philosophy to undergraduate students at Salisbury State University in Maryland.