



**Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq. (Panel Moderator)**

Elizabeth Tanner was appointed Director of the Department of Business Regulation in November 2017 under Governor Gina Raimondo. She oversees the regulating and enforcement of all Financial Services, The State Fire Marshal's office (including the Bomb Squad), The State Building Office, Office of Cannabis Regulation, Gaming and Athletics and a wide variety of professional licenses. She serves as a board member to Rhode Island Housing and is believed to be the only female Boxing Commissioner in the United States.

Known as a problem solver and a fierce advocate for governmental efficiency, Liz is well recognized for her efforts to make it easier to do business in Rhode Island. Liz began her governmental career in 2015 with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation where she worked closely with small businesses. She was known for listening to and working to resolve the concerns raised by businesses in hundreds of events and meetings she attended or hosted.

Prior to civic duty, Liz owned and operated her own law firm focused on real estate and corporate law. She was also a part owner of a title clearing business which was acquired by its national competitor and served as an auditor and trainer in the title insurance industry while she raised her two children.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Western New England University Law School, Liz has also received training from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Liz resides in Bristol with her husband, where she is a proud host each year in celebrating the country's oldest 4th of July celebration.