

Robert Asaro-Angelo was nominated by Governor Phil Murphy to serve as the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development in January 2018.

As Commissioner, Asaro-Angelo is proud to oversee the state's diverse services to New Jersey workers, including the state's workforce programs, wage and hour compliance, unemployment insurance program, workers' compensation, temporary disability insurance, and family leave insurance, among other duties.

From 2010 – 2017, Asaro-Angelo served as Eastern Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Labor under the Obama Administration, managing the department's regional activities and coordinating federal initiatives on the regional, state, and local levels. Additionally, he served on many intergovernmental work groups including the White House Hurricane Sandy Task Force, the White House Task Force on Puerto Rico, Regional U.S. Interagency Councils on Homelessness, and FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Recovery Support Function Leadership Group.

Prior to his government service, Commissioner Asaro-Angelo worked for the Laborers International Union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Service Employees International Union Local 1115 organizing and educating public employees, construction workers and nursing home employees about government and politics.

Asaro-Angelo earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Boston University and a master's in Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.