Shannon Valentine was appointed Secretary of Transportation by Governor Northam in January 2018 and oversees a multimodal transportation system crossing seven agencies and including more than 10,000 employees.

Prior to her appointment, Secretary Valentine served on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, codirected the Transition Team on Transportation Policy for Governor McAuliffe, and served as a Member of the Virginia House of Delegates, with assignments on the Transportation and Courts of Justice Committees. Her legislative priorities focused on transportation, economic development, education and ethics.

Secretary Valentine graduated Phi Beta Kappa from The University of Virginia in Economics. She graduated from the Sorensen Institute at UVA, and completed Education for Ministry, a four-year theology course through Sewanee University's School of Theology.

Secretary Valentine is married to cardiologist Michael Valentine and has three children: Catherine (25), Jack (22) and Brooke (20).