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As Commissioner of the New York City Department of Buildings, Chandler regulates and promotes the safe and lawful use of nearly 1.1 million buildings and more than 45,000 active construction sites in New York City.

Commissioner Chandler is leading a fundamental transformation of the Agency, while at the same time presiding over an unprecedented building boom in New York City. DOB's Building One City plan, launched in 2014, is already delivering quicker plan reviews and improved response times, bringing new clarity and consistency to Agency operations, strengthening enforcement, and promoting the highest standards of integrity, both in the construction industry and within DOB.

The centerpiece of these reforms is DOB NOW – a platform to bring nearly all the Agency's business online and into the 21st century, with far greater transparency for the public – along with long-overdue upgrades of the Agency's IT infrastructure. Chandler is also overseeing an unprecedented plan to enforce safety-training standards for construction workers, along with a substantial overhaul of the city's Construction Codes, including an effort to ease compliance through a consolidated code for existing buildings, an inaugural NYC waterfront construction code, as well as enhanced enforcement of the city's Energy Code. To support these and other efforts, DOB has increased staffing to nearly 1,800 employees, up from 1,000 employees just a few years ago.

Rick D. Chandler is a licensed Professional Engineer with years of large-scale management experience and deep expertise in code and zoning enforcement. As a Certified Buildings Commissioning Professional (CBCP), Commissioner Chandler has a record of adapting technology to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations.

Previously, Commissioner Chandler was the Assistant Vice President of Facilities at CUNY Hunter College and served as Borough Commissioner at the Department of Buildings for Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx.

While at Hunter, Chandler controlled the daily facilities operations for 10 million square feet on seven Manhattan campuses, including eight separate schools of higher education, a 2,500-student K-12 public school, 660 dorm rooms, and multiple athletic facilities.

Commissioner Chandler earned his MS Civil Engineering from Columbia University and his BS Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska. In 2018, he received an Executive Certificate in Public Leadership from Harvard's Kennedy School. A Manhattan resident, Commissioner Chandler is an eight-time marathon runner, regularly training in Central Park.