Sandra (Sandi) Mays Biography

Ms. Mays is a Mexican American global technology leader and mission-driven champion of climate, quantum, diversity, and inclusivity. She is a C-Level Executive, Board Member and co-founder of Zayo Group, a $15B telecommunications provider named by MSN Money as the most successful company to start-up in 2007 alongside Cisco, Google, Amazon, Starbucks and Tesla in the years they were founded. Proven track record of implementing large-scale enterprise solutions, providing analysis and recommendations for networking and business systems and building secure, reliable and efficient infrastructures. She is an enthusiastic, active, data-driven, inquisitive member of any team with which she has the honor to serve.

Ms. Mays was a co-founder of Zayo Group, a global telecommunications provider, where she served in a series of key leadership roles, most notably Chief Information Officer, Chief Customer Experience Officer, Executive Vice President of Human Resources and Chief of Staff. Ms. Mays was a Management Liaison with VC boards, public boards and board committees (Compensation, Strategy, and Nominating & Governance Committees) through a public offering in 2014 and taking the company private in 2020, resulting in favorable outsized returns of 7.7x MOIC on a $1.2B investment.

Ms. Mays currently serves as Interim General Manager and Advisory Board Member for ColdQuanta, a privately held provider of Cold Atom based Quantum Computing, where she plays a critical role in defining corporate strategy, overseeing product development, manufacturing, product management, sales, customer care and marketing.

Prior to co-founding Zayo Group, Ms. Mays held several key roles at various telecommunications companies including the ICG turn-around team resulting in 35x MOIC on an $8M investment in < 2 years, an early manager (employee 104) at Level 3 Communications, and various management roles at MFS Communications and WorldCom.

Ms. Mays serves on private and philanthropic boards. She is a board member of Farm First Energy, a private clean energy development company that partners with farmers and large landowners to advance the co-location of energy and agricultural production. Ms. Mays serves on the philanthropic boards of the Latino Leadership Institute and Endeavor Colorado. She also serves on the Membership Committee for Clayton Club. Past board service includes Salesforce CIO Advisory Board, Colorado Technology Association (CTA) Board, and the Metro Denver Economic Development Executive Committee.

Ms. Mays has been fortunate to have been nominated for and awarded recognition, most notably: Women in Comms Leading Lights: Most Inspiring Woman in Communications; one of the top 25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado; Latinas First Foundation Trailblazer Award, and Apex Awards CIO of the Year.

Ms. Mays received her BS in Finance and took Master level classes toward an MS in IT at DePaul University. Ms. Mays supports numerous STEM charities and the arts, including Greenhouse Scholars, Latinas First Scholarships, Denver Art Museum and Denver Performing Arts Center. She currently splits her time between Denver, Vail and Nashville. She is a mother of 2 adult children and a mini- Bernedoodle.