



Ayanna A. Grady-Hunt **Senior Associate**



Ayanna A. Grady-Hunt has been with BoardWalk Consulting since 2011, leveraging her talents in recruiting, strategic research, communications, facilitation and talent development for dozens of nonprofit clients.

Ayanna brings a unique and effective blend of skills from her career and educational experiences in the communications, public and faith-based sectors. She has served in the executive office of former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, as the lead PR liaison for the Emmy-Award winning Alliance Theatre, the largest theatre in the Southeast, and as an editor for a business and politics publication, during which time she won an Association of Black Journalists' Award.

At BoardWalk, Ayanna has an inclusive and ethical approach to leadership recruitment, evident in the diversity of the individuals she brings forth as candidates and sources. She has played a lead role in the placement of executive leadership at the Atlanta Public Schools, Chicago Theological Seminary, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, The Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Crossroads Community Ministries, Oxfam USA, Atlanta Community Food Bank, Partners for HOME, and dozens of others.

Ayanna holds an M.A. in Practical Theology from Columbia Theological Seminary and a B.A. in Journalism from Georgia State University. Her volunteer work includes as a Mentor with Women in Transition, a reentry program for incarcerated women returning to society and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister with the Episcopal Church. In 2017, she spent the summer as a volunteer at the Business and Technology Institute in Les Cayes, Haiti, an institute of higher education supported by the Episcopal Church.

Ayanna loves to travel, read and write. Her son, Jelani Riyadh, is a filmmaker, lacrosse player and college student.

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