
Chester Atkins

Founder and Director ADS Ventures, Inc. Board Members

Chet Atkins founded ADS Ventures, Inc. in 1993. With a history in public office and experience on the boards of numerous corporate and non-profit organizations, Chet offers extraordinary expertise on subjects ranging from the legislative process to non-profit governance. In 1970, Chet was the youngest State Representative to be elected in Massachusetts. Two years later, he was elected to state Senate and served as Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, in which capacity he reformed and modernized the state budgeting process. From 1984 to 1992, Chet represented the 5th District of Massachusetts in the U.S. Congress, and sat on the Appropriations, Budget, Foreign Affairs, and Ethics Committees.

Since leaving the U.S. Congress, Chet has led a number of initiatives to utilize private capital to achieve public purposes and has organized successful public funding initiatives for organizations in the education, healthcare, high tech and real estate development industries. He also has served as an election observer and legislative trainer for newly elected governments in Cambodia, Yemen, Albania, Russia, Republic of Georgia and Peru.

Chet remains a political force on the state and federal level, serving as a key advisor and fundraiser to multiple campaigns. He advocates for numerous humanitarian causes on the boards of such groups as Amnesty International, Oxfam, and The Center for Justice and Accountability. He received his education from Antioch College and currently lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

