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Michele L. Kessler is the Secretary-Treasurer of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1776. She is the chairperson of both the UFCW Health and Welfare Fund of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the UFCW Pension Fund of Northeastern Pennsylvania. With over 37 years on staff with the UFCW, Kessler has been involved with many aspects of negotiating, organizing and representation of union workers. She is international chair of OUTreach, the UFCW constituency group for LGBTQ+ members and allies, as well as co-president of the Pennsylvania Pride at Work chapter, the AFL-CIO constituency group for LGBTQ+. She is serving her third appointed term as a commissioner on the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs. Kessler has served as a voting member on the International Foundation Board of Directors and Trustees Committee. She currently serves on the Financial Review Committee. She also served as an instructor for the Trustees Masters Program (TMP). Kessler received a master's degree in industrial and labor relations from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Bloomsburg University. She is also a graduate of the Advanced Labor Union Leadership course at Cornell University.