

# TEAM

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As NMBL Strategies' Managing Director of Nonprofit Services, Dion Brown is an accomplished nonprofit leader with a proven track record on defining visions, leading teams through strategic planning, conducting analysis of operations and building budgets that work. He utilizes this experience to ensure NMBL's clients like the America's Black Holocaust Museum are delivered Strategic Plans that exceed expectations, or Empower Missouri have superior interim leadership during the changes and demands of a pandemic. Brown prides himself on building teams and producing programming that will engage the community. In addition, he works with board members and staff to adopt culturally responsive strategies and navigate challenging situations.

Prior to his leadership at NMBL Strategies, Brown was the President and Chief Operating Officer of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. In short order, Brown analyzed and completed the fiscal year operating budget, reducing annual expenses by \$1M. He also built strong collaborative partnerships with donors and with several organizations including the YWCA, Jewish Federation, African American Chamber, Cincinnati Police Department and the LGBTQ community among others. These relationships helped to secure over \$1M in new funding.

Brown was the Founding Executive Director of the National Blues Museum before his work with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. During his tenure with the Blues Museum, he helped the start-up grow and flourish, gaining recognition from CNN, National Geographic and the New York Post as a "must see" museum. Prior to the National Blues Museum, Brown was the Executive Director of the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Indianola, Mississippi. While museum programming, tours, and attendance greatly expanded under Brown's leadership, he simultaneously raised funds, balanced the organization's budget and positioned the organization as a viable business and a strong community resource and champion. Prior to his leadership at the BB King Museum, Brown served as the Chief Operating Officer for Exploration Place in Wichita, Kansas.

Brown holds a certificate of fundraising from the IUPUI School of Philanthropy, a Bachelor's of Science in Human Resources and a Master's of Science in Leadership from Southwestern College. He is also retired from the United States Air Force after 21 years of service. He was recognized by the Delta Business Journal as one of its "Top Minority Business Leaders." Brown also sits on the Board of the Association of African American Museums (AAAM)

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