Nelson Proença (PPS)

Nelson Proença earned a degree in Business Administration from FAPCCA in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, and a Master’s from the International Institute for Public Affairs in Washington, DC. He began his public career when he accepted an invitation to join the Sarney administration as Special Secretary of Housing and Community Action. He is currently serving his third term as a congressman.

Nelson Proença has worked for companies such as IBM, Crefisul, and Olivetti. He is also an entrepreneur, having founded the Community Network, which includes 11 radio stations throughout Rio Grande do Sul. As Secretary of Development and Foreign Affairs in the Rio Grande do Sul State Government from 1997 to 1998, Nelson Proença revitalized the State's economic development, attracting large multinational corporations such as General Motors, Ford, Goodyear, and Pirelli to Rio Grande do Sul. Prior to his term as Secretary of Economic Development, Mr. Proença also served as the Governor's Chief of Staff and the State's General Secretary of Government.

In the House, Nelson Proença is a member of the Joint CPI on Science and Technology; the Science and Technology Committee; the Finance and Tax Committee; the Economy, Industry and Commerce Committee; and the Interior and Urban Development Committee.