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Cheri Beasley
Democrat

Background: I’ve served our state for nearly thirty years as a public defender, judge and Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, where I’ve worked to uphold the Constitution, protect our rights, and keep communities safe – no matter the politics.

Please describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: North Carolina’s next Senator must fight to lower costs for our communities, provide access to good paying jobs, and grow our economy – from capping the cost of insulin to $35/month, growing manufacturing and industry jobs across our state, to ensuring access to affordable child care.

Describe how you would address one specific issue - Price increases/inflation: There’s no doubt we need to lower costs. I would hold corporations like Big Oil accountable for flagrantly price-gouging and putting their shareholders above the interests of working North Carolinians. We also must continue to grow a Made-in-America economy, so events abroad don’t raise prices here.

Website: CheriBeasley.com

Shannon W. Bray
Libertarian

Background: I am an anti-war combat veteran and an expert in the technology sector. I’ve worked for various departments of the federal government including deployments to Afghanistan. I have a masters in cyber security and am a huge advocate for blockchain.

Please describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Veteran affairs, Cyber Security, Personal liberty

Describe how you would address one specific issue - Gun regulation: I am opposed to any gun laws. Under the US Constitution, the people have the right to arm themselves against anything that may attack their home. There are no conditions to the Constitution.

Website: ShannonBray.us

Ted Budd
Republican

Ted Budd did not respond to our survey; the following is taken from his website and his voting record in Congress.

Background: Ted grew up on a farm in Davie County and lives there today with his family. He owns a gun store with an indoor shooting range. He is a lifetime NRA member. He was first elected to Congress in 2016.

Donald Trump has endorsed him in this election.

Priorities and positions on issues: 
- Against restoring the Voting Rights Act.
- Oppose “red flag” laws, ban on AR-15 style rifles and other legislation restricting firearm ownership.
- Against protecting a woman’s right to abortion.
- Prohibit mailing of pregnancy-termination medication to homes; defund Planned Parenthood.
- Repeal “Obamacare” health insurance.
- Allow Americans to sue Big Tech companies that censor political speech and conservative voices.
- Sponsored legislation to teach “the greatness and exceptionalism” of the United States in schools.
- Finish the wall at U.S.-Mexico border.
- Support pipeline subsidies & drilling on federal land; oppose bill to aid renewable energy in rural areas.

Website: TedBudd.com

Matthew Hoh
Green

Background: Disabled Marine Corps combat veteran

Please describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: My priority is North Carolina’s working families. This means healthcare through Medicare for All, education available without cost at all levels, affordable housing, debt cancellation, and paying workers fair and just wages that are adjusted annually for inflation. We must end the war on drugs.

Describe how you would address one specific issue - Price increases/inflation: Adjust the minimum wage to reflect inflation and update it every year. Provide healthcare and education to all, and forgive medical and student debt to cut household costs. Begin a Green New Deal to end fossil fuel dependence, provide clean, renewable energy and create millions of high-paying jobs.

Website: MatthewHohForSenate.org
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CANDIDATES FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - Vote for 1

CHRISTIAN CASTELLI
Republican

Your top priorities: My first priority is to stop inflation, lower gas prices, and bring high quality jobs back to NC. Also: Increase support for law enforcement and expand school choice so that every family can choose the best education for their child.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: Sponsor legislation to realign the Keystone pipeline and allow increased domestic oil production. Cut wasteful spending that causes inflation and sponsor a balanced budget amendment to permanently control spending.

Website: CastelliForNC.com

KATHY MANNING
Democrat
Background: I am a mom, attorney, and community leader. In Congress, I have fought to bring down costs for families, cap prescription drug costs, protect women’s access to health care, defend Social Security and Medicare, and expand vocational training programs.

Your top priorities: 1) Lower families’ costs, cap prescription drug costs, streamline supply chains, and stop big oil price gouging. 2) Protect access to abortion and birth control so women can make their own health care decisions. 3) Expand educational options in NC schools and community colleges.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: 1) Cap the cost of prescription drugs. 2) Crack down on corporate price gouging.

Website: KathyManningForNC.com

THOMAS WATERCOTT
Libertarian
Background: I’m a working-class American fed up with business as usual in Washington and I’m willing to fight for those who can’t.

Your top priorities: Term limits for federal office. Balanced Budget Amendment linking the total budget to a ¾ of GDP. Replacing income and investment derived taxes with a consumption tax like the fairtax (fairtax.org). Regulatory oversight & review.

How would you address one specific issue - Gun regulation: I’m very pro Second Amendment. I’d fight anything that restricted private gun, ammunition or accessories ownership. In addition, I’d author and work to pass mandated criminal weapons use (including existing law) prosecution and sentence enhancements.

Website: TommyTheTrucker.com

CANDIDATES FOR N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As in Congress, legislators in Raleigh debate & adopt laws affecting jobs, healthcare, schools, taxes, discrimination, roads, voting, pollution, abortion, guns and more. Pick 1 state Senate candidate and 1 House candidate based on your Districts.

Senate District 26

PHILIP E. (PHIL) BERGER
Republican
Candidate is unopposed

Senate District 27

MICHAEL GARRETT
Democrat
Background: I am currently serving my second term in the NC Senate. I live in Greensboro with my wife, Allison, and our two young children, Jack and Charlotte, where I own/operate a small business. I’m a proud product of Guilford Co. Schools and grad of UNCG.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Priority 1: expand Medicaid, right now. This would be a huge win for our health as well as our economy. We must fully fund our public schools so every child has a world class education. Also, we must continue investing in our local economy so that families can prosper and want to stay here.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: Rising prices are hitting every family hard. This year, I introduced a bill to give NC residents a gas tax refund to the tune of $200 each. I support using NC’s billions in “Rainy Day” funds to offer further relief for residents. It’s certainly a rainy day for all who live paycheck to paycheck.

Website: GarrettForNC.com

RICHARD (JOSH) SESSOMS
Republican
Background: I was born and raised in Greensboro before joining the Marines, where I then went on to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq. I have an undergrad degree in IT and a MBA as well, and I currently work as a Technology Professional.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Medical Marijuana and Medicaid expansion need to be approved in the state. Those two things will help fight the opioid crisis we have going on in the state.

How would you address one specific issue - Gun regulation: I wouldn’t because we don’t need new restrictions at all.

Website: no response from candidate

Senate District 28

GLADYS A. ROBINSON
Democrat
Background: B.S., Bennett College; Ph.D. and M.A., NC A&T State University; Health Executives award; 45 years in community health, CEO for 35 years; Leadership GSO; Chair Bennett Board of Trustees; 10 years UNC Board of Governors; 12 in NC Senate; grants writer

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Access to mental and behavioral health treatment and services; Fully funding of Leandro and capital funding for public schools; improving state support of historically underutilized businesses (HUB)

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: NC has high taxes on groceries, gas and goods; since the Republicans are decreasing taxes for large corporations, I support reducing or eliminating the tax on groceries (that are burdens to working families). The tax free holiday should be an annual event to assist parents of school age children.

Website: GladysARobinson.com

PAUL SCHUMACHER
Republican
Background: Veteran, Retired Pilot, Proven Innovator, Construction, Dad!

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: 1. Inflation, Work for flat tax both Federal and State; 2. Crime, Constitutional Carry, It takes a good guy with a gun to stop a bad guy with a gun. 3. Abortion, I am the pro-choice/pro life candidate that will not change current laws but will instate in-utero adoption.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: I am planning on using the state tax laws to lower the gas and food prices. In addition, I would provide subsidies to farmers to ensure the availability of minimum food requirements without the necessary price increases.

Website: 4f Freedoms.com

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**House District 57**

MICHELLE C. BARDSELY  
REPUBLICAN

no response from candidate

ASHTON CLEMMONS  
DEMOCRAT

Background: I am a life-long North Carolina, mom to three school-aged children, wife, public school educator and incumbent North Carolina Representative running for my third term in the NC House. My greatest passion is for our state’s children and families!

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: My greatest priority is working for the economic, physical and overall security and safety of North Carolina families! This means ensuring workers are able to provide for their families, families can stay healthy, and investing in our greatest asset—our people.

How would you address one specific issue - Gun regulation: Our biggest responsibility is to keep North Carolinians safe—too many are dying preventable deaths. I advocate strongly for red-flag laws that responsibly and temporarily remove dangerous weapons when citizens in crisis are a danger to themselves or others.

Website: ClemmonsForNC.org

**House District 58**

AMOS QUICK  
DEMOCRAT

Background: 3 term incumbent for this seat; 12 years as elected member of Guilford Co. (NC) Board of Education

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Economic Development and recovery is my top priority to ensure that every North Carolinian can attain a level of economic comfort for themselves and their families. As we continue to climb out of a global pandemic that affected the life of every North Carolinian, this is paramount.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: Our current economic stress stems from many problems and requires a multi-faceted response. I will propose/support legislation to: 1) address NC supply chain disruptions that affect the availability of goods; 2) encourage municipalities to increase housing supplies; 3) job licensing reform

Website: PickQuick2020.com

**House District 59**

JON HARDISTER  
REPUBLICAN

no response from candidate

SHERRIE YOUNG  
DEMOCRAT

Background: An ample amount of my background includes me serving and volunteering for Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, and United Way. Being a part of my community is my biggest concern. I’m a teacher, a nurse and humanitarian. I’m well known and loved.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Two priorities if elected would be to bring the gap of the people’s voices to the table of the decision makers. Another would be to educate the community on jobs and programs to enhance the welfare of the people with encouragement that some politicians really care!

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: Some specific steps I’d take to address economic stress would be broadcasting jobs that pay more money and identifying how United Healthcare can assist Medicare recipients for stipends up to $235 a month for groceries. There are many organizations that provide support; I would love to network them.

Website: gofund.me/c98c7c78

**House District 60**

BOB BLASINGAME  
REPUBLICAN

no response from candidate

CECIL BROCKMAN  
DEMOCRAT

Background: I have served four terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives and I also serve as Vice Chairman of the NC House Education K-12 Committee. I have a B.S degree in Political Science from UNC Charlotte and I am a business owner.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: It is important that North Carolina changes the minimum wage into a living wage so that anybody and everybody who wants to work can experience the American Dream. Similarly, I believe that affordable housing should be accessible to anyone making what North Carolina considers a living wage.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: Our state has a $62.2 billion surplus, which we can use to provide stimulus relief to North Carolinians to offset the economic stress from higher prices for gas, groceries, and other goods.

Website: CeciForNC.com

**House District 61**

MARY PRICE (PRICEY) HARRISON  
DEMOCRAT

candidate is unopposed but responded to survey

Background: Served in NC General Assembly, and previously as a deputy district attorney in the Guilford County District Attorney’s Office. I have experience in the legal profession, and I understand the need for accountability and fiscal responsibility. I have a strong track record of advocating for workers and the middle class.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: My priorities are focused on issues that affect our community and our state. I will work to ensure that our state has a strong economy, that our schools are well-funded, and that our justice system is fair and just.

Website: PriceyHarrison.org

**House District 62**

JOHN FAIRCLOTH  
REPUBLICAN

Background: After military service, I had 30+ years of law enforcement experience, starting in Greensboro, then Salisburry and High Point. I was a council member for three terms and Mayor Pro Tem in High Point for one term. I have been a House Rep for 6 terms.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: My priority is to be the voice of my district. I will utilize my voice to represent the public to focus on two other main priorities, financial stability and public safety. Focusing on these priorities will positively impact NC people as they will gain security and trust in the government.

How would you address one specific issue - Higher prices/inflation: After many terms with the NC House, I will reduce economic stress through my role as the Chair for the Appropriations Committee. Once we evaluate the economic pressures, we will adjust the development of the statewide budget accordingly through carefully determining the citizens' vital needs.

Website: JohnFaircloth62.com

**House District 63**

BRANDON GRAY  
DEMOCRAT

Background: I'm a Small Business owner, Vice Chair of the Guilford County Democratic Party, SEC member, and Activist. I've been helping with political campaigns since 2016. I ran for NC House in 2020, this time I am running in a newly drawn tossup district.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: I will vote to expand Medicaid; this pandemic has highlighted the shortcomings of our healthcare system. We must keep our schools well-funded, and for students and educators. Economic development is important to me; let's support our businesses and workforce by paying a living wage.

How would you address one specific issue - Abortion access: We should be keeping politicians out of the doctor’s office. Your healthcare decisions should be left up to you and your doctor. There will be an anti-choice bill in January; we need to have enough seats to uphold Governor Cooper’s veto. I will vote to make sure you keep your rights, not strip them.

Website: BrandonGrayNC.com
You Pick the Judges!

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### CANDIDATES FOR N.C. SUPREME COURT, Seat 3 - Vote for 1

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**RICHARD DIETZ, REPUBLICAN**

- **Background:** I was the first in my family to attend college. I graduated first in my class from Wake Forest Law School and have a MA from Duke. I’m a board-certified specialist in appeals. I have been a Court of Appeals judge since 2010.
- **Personal Statement:** My campaign theme is “Leadership for our Courts.” I have the character and temperament to reject politics and be a consensus-builder. I am always working to improve our justice system. I’ll bring this leadership to the open seat on our Supreme Court.
- **Website:** JudgeDietz.com

**LUCI INMAN, DEMOCRAT**

- **Background:** NC Court of Appeals Judge, 2015-Present; NC Superior Court Judge, 2010-2014; Attorney, 1992-2010; Law Clerk to NC Chief Justice James Exum, 1990-1992.
- **Personal Statement:** I am running to protect the integrity of our justice system, preserve the rule of law and defend our state and federal constitutions. Serving in our trial and appellate courts for the past dozen years has prepared me to fairly decide the most hard-fought and difficult cases.
- **Website:** LuciInmanForJustice.com

### CANDIDATES FOR N.C. SUPREME COURT, Seat 5 - Vote for 1

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**TREY ALLEN, REPUBLICAN**

- **Background:** During a 22-year legal career, I’ve been a US Marine, a partner at a Raleigh law firm, and a tenured professor at UNC-Chapel Hill. As General Counsel for our court system, I give legal guidance to judges and other court officials.
- **Statement:** Many people believe that judges follow their political views instead of the law. If elected, I will work to restore trust in our courts by faithfully applying the law to the facts in every case without regard to my political opinions. I will treat everyone with respect.
- **Website:** TreyAllenNC.com

**SAM J. ERVIN IV, DEMOCRAT**

- **Background:** Associate Justice of the NC Supreme Court. Former NC Utilities Commissioner and Judge on the NC Court of Appeals. Native of Morganton. Graduate of Burke Co. schools, Davidson College and Harvard Law School.
- **Statement:** I want to continue serving on the Supreme Court to ensure that North Carolina courts decide cases fairly and impartially based on the law, the facts, and nothing else; treat all people as equal under the law; and give everyone a fair chance to be heard.
- **Website:** ErvinForJustice.org

### CANDIDATES FOR N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 8 - Vote for 1

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**JULIE TATE FLOOD, REPUBLICAN**

- **Background:** I have diverse legal experience writing hundreds of judicial opinions for appellate jurists, serving as in-house counsel and partner for a business, and teaching law.
- **Statement:** To the Court, I seek to bring my extensive experience and commitment to fairness. If elected, I will uphold the Judicial Branch Mission: “To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina.”
- **Website:** JulieFlood.com

**CAROLYN J. THOMPSON, DEMOCRAT**

- **Background:** BA-Hampton University; JD-NCCU Law School. 25+ years of combined legal and judicial experience, having served as a District Court Judge and Superior Court Judge.
- **Statement:** I am the only candidate in this race with judicial experience. I understand the importance of applying the law to the facts of each case. True justice is independent of party affiliation, divisive ideologies, and social differences. I will serve with integrity, fairness, and impartiality.
- **Website:** CarolynThompsonForJudge.com

### CANDIDATES FOR N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 9 - Vote for 1

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**BRAD A. SALMON, DEMOCRAT**

- **Background:** Current District Court Judge. Raised on a farm in Harnett Co. Graduate of Campbell Law. Founder of law firm (criminal, civil and admin. law). Former state legislator.
- **Statement:** Should I be elected to the Court of Appeals, I will bring the experiences of being a lawmaker, a lawyer and a judge to the bench — a rare perspective that will help me be an effective appellate court judge and serve the citizens of North Carolina well.
- **Website:** JudgeBradSalmon.com

**DONNA STROUD, REPUBLICAN**

- **Background:** Court of Appeals Judge since 2006; District Court Judge 2004-06. LL.M., Duke Law, 2014. JD, Campbell Law School, 1988. Adjunct Prof., Campbell Law since 2008.
- **Statement:** As judge, I have considered each case fully and fairly and applied the law exactly as written. I began serving as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in 2021, and I support the independence, professionalism, and integrity of our judges and courts at all levels.
- **Website:** JudgeStroud.com

### CANDIDATES FOR N.C. COURT OF APPEALS, Seat 10 - Vote for 1

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**GALE MURRAY ADAMS, DEMOCRAT**

- **Background:** Elected Superior Court judge in 2012. Grew up in Warren County valuing hard work and education. Served as a JAG in the US Navy, prosecutor, and public defender.
- **Statement:** My humble background and diverse legal experience bring a broad perspective to the Court and equip me to consider various viewpoints before making a fair decision. My decisions will be grounded in the law, fairness, and impartiality.
- **Website:** JudgeGaleAdams.com

**JOHN M. TYSON, REPUBLICAN**

- **Background:** 20 years of judicial service. Masters in Judicial Process-UVa; MBA-Duke Univ.; BA in English & Education from UNC-Wilmington. School teacher. Probation officer.
- **Statement:** My philosophy is “To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the U.S. and N.C., by providing a fair, independent and accessible forum for the . . . resolution of their legal affairs.”
- **Website:** JudgeJohnTyson.com
Local officials often have the most direct impact on your life. Their decisions (and their biases) influence public safety and courtroom justice, tax fairness, development near your home, job opportunities, affordable housing, school discipline and graduation rates, and county health services.

**CANDIDATES FOR GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF - Vote for 1**

The Sheriff directs the manner of law enforcement in the county through training and deploying officers, setting priorities for arrests and community outreach, using non-lethal alternatives, and managing the county jail.

**PHIL BYRD**
**REPUBLICAN**

- Background: 9 years Detective Sergeant, 3 years Operational Captain, commanding four separate divisions with extensive Operational and Administrative experience.
- Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: (1) Retaining current employees and creating a reliable recruiting program to fill positions with well qualified candidates. (2) Better coordination and transparency with the community on School safety. (3) Reducing violent crime in Guilford County.
- What steps would you take to enhance community accountability, such as prompt release of arrest videos and funding for mental health personnel? First, transparency on a daily basis. Videos to be shown to immediate family as soon as possible after any event involving the use of force by officers to provide transparency. Public release as determined not to harm evidence. I support County or State funding for certain mental support positions.
- Website: PhilByrdForSheriff.com

**DANNY ROGERS**
**DEMOCRAT**

- Background: The greatest qualification I have acquired is the honor of being elected as Sheriff, serving close to 560,000 residents with more than 600 team members, managing a budget of approximately 80 million dollars, two detention centers, and courthouses.
- Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Top priority is the safety and well-being of all Guilford County citizens. #2 Agency accountability, accreditation, and transparency demonstrated through CALEA to ensure professional standards and best law enforcement practices. #3 Community engagement to proactively prevent crime and disorder.
- What steps would you take to enhance community accountability, such as prompt release of arrest videos and funding for mental health personnel? I will follow NC State law protocol and ethical standards regarding release of law enforcement videos. Deputies are trained to meet the best law enforcement practices to respond appropriately to mental health crises. Mental health partnerships allow for ongoing connections to treatment facilities.
- Website: DHRogers4Sheriff.com

**CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The 9 County Commissioners approve the budget for schools, sheriff’s dept. and other agencies; and they oversee zoning, affordable housing, conservation & health programs, and other services. This year, all voters elect 1 At-Large Board member; voters in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 7 also elect their District member. Find your District at ncvoter.org/distr.

### At-Large Candidates

**JERRY ALAN BRANSON**
**REPUBLICAN**

- Background: I served as County Commissioner from 2012-2020. Two of those years I was the Vice Chair and two as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. See my website for my background and qualifications.
- Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Providing adequate funding for our schools and provide adequate funding for the men and women in uniform.
- Website: JABranson4CountyCommissioner.com

**KAY CASHION**
**DEMOCRAT**

- No response from candidate

**District 1 Candidate**

**J. CARLVENA FOSTER**
**DEMOCRAT**

- Candidate is unopposed

### District 2 Candidates

**PAUL MEINHART**
**DEMOCRAT**

- Background: Please see my website for full background, experience and qualifications.
- Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: The environment, education, and the economy. All of these are imperative for a well-functioning, civil society to flourish and sustain itself.
- How would you address one specific issue - Climate change: We must address climate change, land and water conservation, and environmental issues on a global and local level. Locally, we need to address
deforestation, soil erosion, water pollution and degradation, and air quality issues. Improve recycling programs and establish green spaces. And much more.

Website: PaulMeinhart.com

ALAN PERDUE
REPUBLICAN

DEREK MOBLEY
DEMOCRAT

Background: I live in Guilford County with my wife and two children. I have an advanced degree in Economics and more than a decade of professional experience. I believe in serving my community and so have led several local and state nonprofit boards.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: I plan to work with the school board so that new and renovated schools are a high priority for our district. I will work with our towns for better water infrastructure to support growth. I would like to establish a digital strategy commission to promote more modern and secure data infrastructure.

How would you address one specific issue - Jobs for youth: I will work with the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, local cities, and GTCC to create a county summer job program that connects teens in areas with high crime rates with employment opportunities.

Website: ElectMobile.com

PAT TILLMAN
REPUBLICAN

Background: My depth and breadth of experience as a Board of Education member, knowledge of District 3, the private sector and as a combat Veteran makes me uniquely qualified to serve the people of District 3.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: I am committed to effectively and wisely spending taxpayer dollars. In addition is the responsible allocation of our voter approved bonds to build and maintain innovative and high quality schools. If we create good policy, we will continue to attract and retain business and industry to Guilford County.

How would you address one specific issue - Affordable housing: Nothing is affordable right now. The drastic increase in property taxes forced landlords to raise rent. The tax value of my house went up 42%. I know families whose property tax bill more than doubled. This doesn’t help the community, it helps government get bigger.

Website: Kenny4Commish.com

FRANKIE T. JONES JR.
DEMOCRAT

Background: Commissioner Jones earned his undergraduate degree from Davidson College as a James B. Duke scholar and his law degree from the Univ. of Virginia School of Law. He is an attorney, business leader, and community advocate.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Two of my top priorities are economic development and education. We have thousands of students graduating annually and we need to attract/retain high paying jobs. We need to properly fund our schools, including continuing to support the multi-year plan to raise teacher salary supplements.

How would you address one specific issue - Affordable housing: We must explore options looking at a diversity of housing options and work with communities and developers to identify solutions, including building the necessary infrastructure in undeveloped or underdeveloped portions of the County.

Website: ElectFrankieleones.com

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Candidates listed here alphabetically may be in a different order on your ballot. For questions about voting, call the non-partisan Election Hotline at 888-687-8683, the State Board of Elections at 866-522-4723, or the Guilford County Board of Elections at 336-641-3836 or go to NCVoter.org. Learn more about the candidates at NCVoterGuide.org and Vote411.org.
The 9 members of the Guilford Co. Board of Education hire the School Superintendent and oversee finances, pupil placement, school policies and curriculum choices. This year, all voters elect 1 Board member At Large. Also, voters in Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 elect their District member. In 2024, voters in District 1, 3, 5 and 7 will elect their member.

**At-Large Candidates**

**DEMETRIA CARTER**

**REPUBLICAN**

**Background:** I retired from the Federal Government after almost 40 years of employment. I have a Business Administration degree from George Mason University, Annandale, VA. I have a law degree from Duke University, Durham, NC.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: If elected, my priorities will be to: (1) hold most BOE meetings in local schools, thereby increasing attendance of parents and the community; (2) create a “parents/ community” council to advise the BOE; and (3) ensure schools are off limits to politics and the promotion of social ideologies.

How should the Board of Education address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes? Promoting academic excellence and providing resources to schools that result in academic excellence are the only ways the BOE can address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes.

**Website:** DemetriaCarter4boe.com

**ALAN SHEROUSE**

**DEMOCRAT**

**no response from candidate**

**CRISSY PRATT**

**REPUBLICAN**

**Background:** I am a lifelong educator with National Board Certification. I hold a B.S. in Elementary Education and a M.Ed. in Instructional Technology. I am a former classroom teacher and have spent the past 12 years as a leader in online education.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: academic success; discipline; school safety

How should the Board of Education address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes? We need to ensure that all students in GCS receive equal representation and equal opportunities, no matter their backgrounds. This begins at the top – at the Board level. We must ensure all policies are free of bias and represent all of our kids.

**Website:** PrattForGCSSchoolBoard.com

**TIM ANDREW**

**REPUBLICAN**

**Background:** Father of a Guilford County School graduate; High Point resident since 2005; retired Marine Corps officer (26 years active duty); MBA; certified Project Management Professional; Demonstrated Master Logician; GCS volunteer.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Focus the board’s efforts on student outcomes and the fundamentals of education; look for efficiencies in the budget to allow for better teacher pay and retention; give more time to teachers for planning.

How should the Board of Education address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes? Eliminate unnecessary spending to allow more teaching assistants to help with reading. Increased reading proficiency allows all students to learn more effectively.

**Website:** TimAndrew4BOE.com

**AMANDA COOK**

**DEMOCRAT**

**Background:** I am a 13-year veteran teacher. I graduated from UNCG in 2008 with a Bachelor’s in Dance Education and Communication. I also hold a Master’s in Curriculum and Instruction and founded a nonprofit to support teachers in 2020.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: My number 1 priority is making sure that the district is involving all stakeholders in the conversation around GCS (communication). My next priorities are making sure that school nutrition and safety concerns are addressed so that learning outcomes can improve across the board.

How should the Board of Education address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes? Making sure that our staffs are diverse and properly trained is key to addressing the needs of all students. Fully staffing schools will also allow each staff member to focus on their own work more and give students more enthusiastic and supportive adults.

**Website:** VoteAmandaCook.com

**DEON CLARK**

**DEMOCRAT**

**no response from candidate**

**LINDA WELBORN**

**REPUBLICAN**

**Background:** I have been on the School Board for 10 years. I was a Technical Manager. I had an 18-year career in Information Technologies. As a community leader when my children were in school, I pursued capital funding for SE area schools and was successful.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: Addressing learning loss, strong teachers and increased instructional hours are critical. A priority is retaining and attracting new teachers. Proficiency requires work, stop grade inflation, support students and hold them accountable.

How should the Board of Education address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes? Poverty causes disparity. Additional supports for struggling students are required. Inspire young children to dream of a better future. Big dreams are reached by hard work. Failure is part of learning. Success comes to those that do not give up.

**Website:** LindaWelborn4BOE.com

**KHEM D. IRBY**

**DEMOCRAT**

**Background:** Khem Irby was elected to the Guilford County Bd. of Ed. for District 6 in 2018. She is a former educator at Pearce Elementary. Irby supports higher pay for teachers and staff and was instrumental in securing the historic $2 billion school bond.

Describe your top 2 or 3 priorities: We must foster a supportive and welcoming school environment where our students, teachers, and staff can thrive. My top priorities include improving learning outcomes for all students, recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff and investing in school safety and mental health programs.

How should the Board of Education address disparities in learning for students of different races and family incomes? Improving learning outcomes for students requires a comprehensive strategy, incentives to recruit and retain good teachers at high-need schools, high-quality tutoring, summer programs, connecting students to community supports, and providing students with the technology and resources they need.

**Website:** no response from candidate

**DEENA HAYES-GREENE**

**DEMOCRAT**

**candidate is unopposed**
Be Heard! Here’s How

3 WAYS TO VOTE

1. DURING EARLY VOTING

You may vote early at any of the Early Voting sites in your county. See the locations and hours listed below. Voting early is especially good if you have moved or have not voted in several years, because your registration may need to be updated. You can also register as a new voter during Early Voting by using same-day registration; show the poll worker one of these with your current address: a utility bill, a bank or payroll statement; or any document from a government agency; or your NC driver’s license; or a student ID with a college document showing your address. The document may be a digital image on your cellphone.

2. ON ELECTION DAY, AT YOUR POLL

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. On Election Day, go to your own precinct’s polling place between 6:30 am and 7:30 pm. View your polling place and your ballot at ncovoter.org/distr. (You must be registered in the county to vote; you can’t use same-day registration on Election Day.) If you are in line by 7:30 pm, you will be able to vote. If you go to the wrong poll in your county and don’t have time to go to the correct poll, ask to use a provisional ballot; however, some of your District-based contests may not be on that poll’s ballot. You’ll also receive a phone number to learn if the ballot counted.

3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter may vote by mail. First, submit a request for the absentee ballot, either by using the online form or by completing and returning a paper form so it arrives at the county board of elections office by Nov. 1 at 5 pm. The forms are available at ncovoter.org/mail. Vote the ballot sent to you in the presence of two witnesses or a notary (they should not act at who you vote for). Fill out and sign the envelope sent to you with the ballot and return to the elections office by Nov. 8 at 5 pm. Be sure the witnesses sign and include their addresses. See ncovoter.org/mail for details. Follow the directions carefully.

10 TIPS FOR VOTING

1. No photo ID is needed to vote in 2022. You’ll be asked to sign a form affirming your name and address. New voters, please see #4 below.

2. Many contests are based on new Districts (e.g., N.C. Senate and U.S. House). Preview your Districts and your ballot at ncovoter.org/distr.

3. If you are not registered to vote or have moved, register at your current address by Oct. 14. See ncovoter.org/reg to register online or by mail. If you miss that deadline, use same-day registration to register and vote during Early Voting (but not on Election Day) - see #1 at left under “3 Ways To Vote.”

4. Newly registered voters may need to show an ID if there was a problem verifying their registration; they will need to show one of the non-photo IDs listed in #1 at left or any type of photo ID.

5. You may take a list of your choices inside the polling place to help you remember, but don’t show the list to others. The list may be on your cellphone, but don’t use the phone as a camera. Photos are prohibited inside the polls. If you make a mistake or “spoil” your ballot, ask the poll worker for another ballot.

6. Any voter may get help inside the poll from a near family member (not a cousin). Voters with a disability (including reading difficulty) may get help from anyone except their employer or union agent. Voters with a physical, mental or medical disability (including COVID symptoms) may vote in a vehicle at the polling place (“curbside voting”).

7. If you make a mistake or “spoil” your ballot when voting, ask the poll worker for another one.

8. You don’t lose your right to vote if you have a traffic ticket, outstanding warrant, bankruptcy, misdemeanor conviction, or civil fine. No elections official will ask you about fines, tickets, etc.

9. Citizens who have completed a felony sentence can register to vote. Because of a recent court order, people serving a felony sentence may register and vote if they are not incarcerated in prison or jail.

10. Report any harassing activity to the board of elections and to the Hot line below, including suspicious people asking questions at your home.

Where to Vote Early, Oct. 20 - Nov. 5

Best Choice! Take advantage of evening, weekday and weekend hours to vote early.

You can also register to vote during Early Voting.

Voters in Guilford County may use any of the 15 EARLY VOTING SITES listed below.

One Early Voting site is open weekdays, Oct. 20-Nov. 4, 8 am-5 pm; and Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 am-3 pm:
- Old Courthouse, Coleman Conference Room (formerly Blue Room), 301 W. Market St., Rm 108, Greensboro

14 Early Voting sites are open weekdays, Oct. 20-Nov. 4, 8 am-7:30 pm; Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 29 & 30, 10 am-5 pm; Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 am-3 pm:
- Ag Center (Barn), 3309 Burlington Rd., Greensboro
- Barber Park (Simkins Pavilion), 1500 Barber Park Dr., Greensboro
- Brown Recreation Center, 302 E Vandalia Rd., Greensboro
- Bur-Mil Club, 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd., Greensboro
- Charlotte Hawkins Brown (Kimble Hall), 6136 Burlington Rd., Greensboro
- Craft Recreation Center, 3911 Yanceyville St., Greensboro
- Deep River Recreation Center, 1529 Sket Club Rd., High Point
- Griffin Recreation Center, 5301 Hillop Rd., Greensboro
- Leonard Recreation Center, 6324 Ballinger Rd., Greensboro
- Lewis Recreation Center, 3110 Forest Lawn Dr., Greensboro
- Oak Ridge Town Hall, 8315 Linville Rd., Oak Ridge
- Pleasant Garden Town Hall, 4920 Alliance Church Rd., Pleasant Garden
- Roy B. Culler Jr. Senior Center (Oak Hollow Mall), 921 Eastchester Dr., Suite #1230, High Point
- Washington Terrace Park, 101 Gordon St., High Point

Questions? Call the Hotline at 888-OUR-VOTE, visit NCVoter.org or scan ▶