

# ASHEBORO



# ELECTION



## FOR CITY COUNCIL AND ASHEBORO SCHOOL BOARD



### 3 GOOD REASONS FOR YOU TO VOTE FOR WHO WILL BE ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION:



- 1. Your one vote can make a big difference in who wins a local election.**  
How just one person voted – or didn't vote – determined the winners in elections in 39 North Carolina cities in 2019. Your vote matters!
- 2. Local officials make decisions that affect nearly every part of your life –**  
affordable housing, police conduct, quality of education for youth, new jobs, parks, zoning for a new grocery store – or a landfill. But you decide who wins!
- 3. Listen to what other voters say about why they're voting . . .**



"... too many of my ancestors died for me not to be using my right to vote."  
- Kristen Marion



"... I want someone in city hall fighting for issues important to our community."  
- Robert Dawkins



"... city elections can be very close, so my one vote could have a big impact."  
- Angelica Robles



"... it's not just about who's president. Who runs local government also affects me."  
- Austin Padilla



"... not voting would be giving my power away; we must use every tool we have to be heard."  
- Rena McNeil

## Election Day is November 2

## Early Voting is Oct. 14-Oct. 30

### See *back page* for tips for voting

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# Pick the Winners!

## CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

All Asheboro voters may vote for up to 4 candidates for City Council and 1 candidate for Mayor. The current Mayor, David Smith, is unopposed and is not profiled here. The election is nonpartisan, with no party labels. The 4 candidates for City Council with the most votes will win and serve for 4 years.

The Mayor presides at City Council meetings. The City Council appoints the City Manager, adopts ordinances, and oversees the functions listed in the box below.

### CLARK BELL

**Background:** I have served on the council for the last 8 years. I have a legal background as a licensed attorney and have been active in civic and community affairs. Also, I am a lifelong resident of Asheboro.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** To continue the work undertaken to make Asheboro a receptive location for economic investment and to expand opportunities for positive quality-of-life issues in our community.

**Website:** facebook.com/CLARK-BELL-FOR-CITY-COUNCIL-251074160577

### KELLY W. HEATH

**Background:** 35+ year career with wide variety of public and private organizations; 15+ year Asheboro resident working with RCC and Randolph Partnership for Children; significant volunteer experience in leadership roles focused on Asheboro downtown development, City growth, and commitment to families; strong collaborative relationships in community; energy and enthusiasm to serve.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** 1: Planned growth to enhance and protect Asheboro's distinctive qualities, ensure current businesses are supported and appreciated, and attract new businesses and jobs to complement our current strengths. 2: Build on and expand collaborative efforts across all areas of the City to make Asheboro the best place to live, work and play.

**How would I address 1 issue? Police/community relations:** I'd encourage citizens to engage with police officers, and officers should engage with citizens. It's all about developing relationships, which increases understanding and builds trust. I am currently participating in the Asheboro Police Department's Citizen's Academy, a great example of community outreach that fosters two-way communication and transparency.

**Website:** facebook.com/kellyheathforcitycouncil

### WILLIAM (BILL) McCASKILL

**Background:** I am a lifelong resident of Asheboro and was employed for over 30 years with Social Services in child protective services. After Social Services, I worked at Cardinal Clinic with emotionally disturbed children. In my retirement, I volunteered with the Guardian ad Litem and Community in Schools programs.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** Fiscal responsibility and good stewardship of tax dollars would be a top priority for me on the City Council. I am also concerned about quality-of-life issues including good management of parks and recreation. Asheboro additionally needs to continue actively recruiting and promoting city businesses and industries.

**How would I address 1 issue? Police/community relations:** I will work to promote trust between the community and the law enforcement officers who serve the community. It is important to have public safety officers who want to get out of their cars and get to know people in their community on a personal level.

**Website:** VoteBillMcCaskill.com

### WALKER B. MOFFITT

**Background:** 40 years experience in highway, airport and public utility construction. Chairman, NC Zoological Park Council. Vice Chairman, Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization. Member, National I73/I74/I75 committee. Significant experience in planning and zoning. Working relationships with our state and federal elected officials and DOT. City Council Liaison with Community Watch groups.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** Completion of the Zoo City Sportsplex, soccer fields, walking trails, dog park, etc., for Asheboro recreation. Construction of Asia exhibit at NC ZOO – jobs and tourism. Citywide street and sidewalk improvements. Open new expanded Water Department Customer Service office. Create Welcome entrances for Asheboro on Hwy 64 and I73/74.

**How would I address 1 issue? Police/community relations:** 1: Complete, full coverage of officer and vehicle cameras. Ensure transparency and availability of recordings as allowed by law. 2: COVID has made Community Watch meetings inadvisable. These meetings are a valuable resource for our citizens, officials and police. A platform must be implemented (Zoom, etc) to resume these forums.

**Website:** facebook.com/walker.moffitt

### KATIE L. SNUGGS

**Background:** I have served on the City Council for 6 years. Before retiring, I worked for 22 years in the Water & Sewer Maintenance Department. I currently serve on boards of Habitat of Humanities and the Asheboro Redevelopment Commission and was president of the Family Crisis Center.



**Top 2 or 3 priorities:** Two projects I'm especially concerned about are providing more sidewalks in Asheboro where there are no sidewalks and also beautifying Martin Luther King Boulevard.

**How would I address 1 issue? Jobs for youth:** I would like to see business reaching out to hire young people. Somebody gave us a chance long ago, but many Black teenagers don't have those connections to employers. This is an area where we need more initiative and leadership from businesses; it would help the whole community.

### DELILAH PERKINS WARNER

**Background:** I'm an Asheboro Redevelopment Commission member, graduate of Randolph Leadership and NC A&T (early childhood education degree), served on many civic boards (NC Human Relations Commission, etc.) and believe strongly in voluntary service. I'm a mother and grandmother, and worked for 25 years as a probation officer and supervisor.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** Asheboro should continue to be proactive and use strategic planning to grow at an appropriate pace, with a focus on improving the prosperity and quality of life of the whole community. I support the positive work of our council and want to see important service programs expanded.

**How would I address 1 issue? Police/community relations:** We should be proactive and provide more services to help the whole community. People shouldn't assume crime problems are all in East Asheboro; from my work in probations, I see drug problems in the white community, too. We need more women's shelters, halfway houses, etc., citywide; those programs would benefit everyone.

### What Does the City Council Do?

The Mayor and City Council make a wide range of decisions affecting your life. They hire and supervise the city manager, who hires the police chief and department heads, who report to the manager.

The Council sets policies and priorities and oversees many functions of local government, including:

- The Police & Fire Departments
- Economic & Community Development
- Tax Rates & the City Budget
- Affordable Housing
- Streets, Sidewalks & Road Repair
- Zoning & Building Code Enforcement
- Recreation, Parks & Arts Programs
- Anti-discrimination Ordinances
- Water, Waste Disposal & Recycling
- City Govt. Employee Wages & Benefits



# CANDIDATES FOR CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Members of the Asheboro City School's Board of Education serve staggered 6-year terms. Voters who live in the ACS district may vote for up to 4 candidates. The 4 with the most votes will fill 4 of the 11 seats on the Board. The Board hires the School Superintendent and decides the policies and priorities for Asheboro City Schools.

## TODD DULANEY

**Background:** During my 25 years in publishing – as a journalist, editor and publisher – I've always sought the truth through transparency and have valued facts over political expediency. As the executive editor of *Our State* magazine, my job is to celebrate our great state and I'll do the same for our schools.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** Every decision by the board needs to improve students' education, improve teachers' ability to teach, and improve our schools and community. My priorities include executing the board's recently passed Equity and Inclusion Plan, increasing the district's involvement in the community, and continuing to protect our children's health during this pandemic.

**What should be done next year to implement the new Equity & Inclusion Plan "to embrace diversity and ensure equity"?** The plan went into effect in July, so the next year should be focused on information gathering and data collection to identify equity issues. During that time, the district should also work to strengthen its partnerships between schools and families and engage more with neighborhoods, especially our communities of color.

**Given the conditions in August, would you have voted to require students and staff to wear masks?** Yes. I would've absolutely voted for a mask mandate not only in classrooms, but also in all district buildings. COVID spread unchecked in our county in August. The positivity rate was in double digits the entire month and the vaccination rate never topped 33%. Not requiring masks would've been irresponsible.

**Website:** facebook.com/VoteDulaneyForAsheboroBOE

## BAXTER HAMMER

**Background:** Graduate of Asheboro High School and Elon College (business and accounting degree). Plant Controller, The Timken Company. Extensive experience with budgets and finances. Seeking re-election after 6 years on ACS board of education; current board vice chair, recognized for receiving significant state training on board management and policies.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** My top priority is keeping our students and staff safe and helping them get up to par on learning after the setbacks in classroom education last year. I'm especially concerned about our youngest students because research shows that if they get behind, they will have a hard time keeping up.

**Given the conditions in August, would you have voted to require students and staff to wear masks?** I voted in August to require students and

staff to wear masks because the infection rates are much higher in school systems without the requirement. Also, under the new policy, if students wear masks and one becomes sick, we can continue in-class learning instead of quarantining the whole classroom.

## ADAM HURLEY

**Background:** I am a lifelong resident of Asheboro and a graduate of Asheboro High School. I am a member of Rushwood Church where I serve on the Board of Administration. I am employed at Triad Heating and Cooling and am part of the leadership team there.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** My top priority is to ensure that we provide the best education for our students. This includes thinking outside the box to bring new opportunities to our students. My second, but equally important priority, is to make sure that our focus is on education and not spreading political ideology.

**What should be done next year to implement the new Equity & Inclusion Plan "to embrace diversity and ensure equity"?** Frankly the Equity and Inclusion plan concerns me. I find it racist to think that the only way for our minority students to succeed is to treat them differently. All of our students should be given the same opportunities and be held to the same high standards.

**Given the conditions in August, would you have voted to require students and staff to wear masks?** In August, I would have voted to give parents the option to make that choice for their children. I can see the case for masks; however, it's overreach for the board to make the decision for our students. What's next? Mandating vaccines for students? This falls outside the board's authority.

**BETH KNOTT** *Did not respond to questions*

**HAILEY TROLLINGER LEE** *Did not respond*

## KATHRYN THILL

**Background:** Kathryn is a parent of two ACS students, has over a decade of experience working as an advocate for children with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and has volunteered for years at CW McCrary Elementary as PTO President and on the School Improvement Team. Kathryn is a passionate advocate for all students.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** Kathryn is committed to enhancing educator retention and recruitment strategies that support exceptional teaching and learning outcomes at all grade levels. She is also committed to fostering caring,

inclusive educational environments that create opportunity and a sense of belonging for all students, families and stakeholders.

**What should be done next year to implement the new Equity & Inclusion Plan "to embrace diversity and ensure equity"?** ACS has a direct and thorough Equity and Equality Plan. Prioritizing district conversation/engagement with community organizations, and offering opportunities to elevate student voices will be important in moving forward as a district. Open communication about the work the Equity Team is doing will also build momentum with the community.

**Given the conditions in August, would you have voted to require students and staff to wear masks?** No one wants our students to wear masks. But we all know our students need to be in school. With the guidelines from the governor, it was clear that the only way to keep students, including those most vulnerable, inside school buildings, was by wearing masks and limiting quarantine requirements.

**Website:** facebook.com/KThillforACS

## BOB WILLIAMS

**Background:** Grew up in Asheboro; Asheboro High School; High Point College, Speaker of Student Legislature and UNC-CH Law School graduate; attorney, retired after 41 years in public and private practice; former board member of Asheboro Jaycees, Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce. I have the time, talent and temperament to serve.



**My top 2 or 3 priorities if elected:** Asheboro City Schools provided me with opportunities and I want to give back to the community. A good education is the gateway to progress for our children. I will help our students, teachers and principals succeed and fulfill the state's obligation to provide a sound basis education for every student.

**What should be done next year to implement the new Equity & Inclusion Plan "to embrace diversity and ensure equity"?** I support Asheboro City Schools' policy against discrimination in its programs and activities. ACS should recruit and hire White, Black, Indian and Hispanic teachers and personnel who are qualified when openings occur if they are the best available. All students, teachers and personnel should be treated fairly and with respect.

**Given the conditions in August, would you have voted to require students and staff to wear masks?** Based on CDC and Governor's advice, I would have, and ACS did require students and staff to wear masks. The NC Constitution says, "Every student should be provided the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and graduate from high school prepared for work, further education, and citizenship."

**Website:** facebook.com/Bob-Williams-for-Asheboro-School-Board-224249262943123





***“When we all vote, we determine our future.”  
- Michelle Obama***

# Have Your Say!

The ballot box is the one place where we are all equal: *One person, One vote.* Your vote is a powerful way to express yourself. Vote in every election because your future matters!

## 3 WAYS TO VOTE

### 1. DURING EARLY VOTING

Asheboro voters may vote early at one location: the Randolph County Board of Elections office; see the address and hours below. Voting early is an especially good option if you have moved or have not voted in several years because your registration may need updating.

You can update a registration or register as a new voter during Early Voting by using **same-day registration**. Show the poll worker one of these with your name and current address: a NC driver's license or other government photo ID; or a utility bill, a bank or payroll statement; or any document from a government agency (bill, letter, permit, etc.); or a student ID and school document with your campus address. The document you present may be a digital image on your cellphone.

### 2. ON ELECTION DAY, AT YOUR PRECINCT

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. On Election Day, go to polling place assigned to **your** precinct between 6:30 am and 7:30 pm. Find your precinct at [demnc.co/poll](https://demnc.co/poll). If you're in line by 7:30 pm, you will be able to vote. If you go to the wrong polling place in Asheboro and don't have time to go to the correct poll, ask to use a *provisional ballot*. If you are properly registered, it will count.

### 3. MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter may vote by mail. First, submit a request for the absentee ballot by using the online form at [demnc.co/mail](https://demnc.co/mail) or by completing and returning a paper form so it arrives at the board of elections at least 7 days before Election Day. The paper form is at [demnc.co/request](https://demnc.co/request). Vote the ballot sent to you in the presence of two witnesses or a notary. Fill out and sign the envelope sent to you with the ballot and return to the elections office by Election Day at 5 pm. See [demnc.co/mail](https://demnc.co/mail) for details. Follow the directions carefully.

## 7 TIPS FOR VOTING

1. **No photo ID** is needed to vote in 2021. The poll worker will ask you to state your name and address and sign in.
2. If you are not registered to vote or have moved, **register at your current address at least 25 days before the election**. See [demnc.co/reg](https://demnc.co/reg) to register to vote online or to download a registration form. If you miss that deadline, you can use **same-day registration** to register and vote on the same day during Early Voting (but not on Election Day) – see #1 at left under “3 Ways To Vote” for how to use same-day registration.
3. **Newly registered voters** may need to show a form of 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 photo ID.
4. 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 may vote in a vehicle at the polling location's curb (“curbside voting”).
5. You don't lose your right to vote if you have an **outstanding warrant, traffic ticket, bankruptcy, civil fine, or misdemeanor conviction**. No elections official will ask you about outstanding fines, tickets, etc.
6. You may **take a list of your choices** inside the polling place to help you remember, but do not show the list to others or leave it. You may view a list on your cellphone but don't use the phone as a camera; taking pictures inside the poll is prohibited.
7. If you mark the **wrong choice by mistake**, ask the elections official for a new ballot to replace a “spoiled” one.

**Questions? Call 888-OUR-VOTE or 336-318-6900  
or visit [NCVoter.org](https://NCVoter.org)**

## Where to Vote on Election Day, Nov. 2

Vote at the polling place for **your** precinct on Election Day, November 2. If you don't know your precinct, look it up at [demnc.co/poll](https://demnc.co/poll). You can also view a sample ballot by following the directions; the ballot will include candidates for the Asheboro City Schools Board if you live in the ACS district. For assistance finding your polling place, you may also call the county elections office at 336-318-6900.

## How to Vote Early, Oct. 14 – Oct. 30

Take advantage of Early Voting. It may rain on Election Day! Here's where and when to go:  
**Where:** Randolph County Board of Elections office, 1457 N. Fayetteville St., Northgate Commons, Asheboro.  
**When:** Weekdays, Oct. 14-29, 8 am-5 pm (but 8 am-7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays)  
and Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 am-3 pm.