Nash County Nonpartisan

Voting Guide

VOTE EARLY: OCT. 17-NOV. 2 ELECTION DAY: NOV. 5

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

The Governor manages the state's operations, appoints agency heads, recruits new jobs, and can veto legislation.

MARK ROBINSON REPUBLICAN

Current occupation: Lieutenant Governor

- Supports lower taxes and also tax subsidies for private K-12 schools.
- Opposes gun control.
- Would block right to abortion in most cases.
- Opposes action on climate change as "junk science" & calls the civil rights movement "crap."
- Would "crack down on illegal immigration and make our country safer."
- As Lt. Gov., fought "indoctrination" in schools.

Website: markrobinsonfornc.com

JOSH STEIN DEMOCRAT

Current occupation:NC Attorney General

- Supports more funds for teachers, public schools and child care centers.
- Would invest in "a clean energy economy" to address global warming.
- Supports access to abortion & contraceptives.
- Supports an independent redistricting commission to protect voting rights.
- As Attorney General, sued scammers and makers of addictive drugs.

Website: joshstein.org

OTHER CANDIDATES

Due to space limits, this guide does not profile other candidates for Governor with under 5% of support, based on nonpartisan polling at the time of publication. However, you can read about all the candidates at ncvoter.org/guide.

Candidates for each contest are listed in the order that they will appear on your ballot.

Think Your 1 Vote Doesn't Matter?

In 2020, a top state official won by less than 1 vote per city in N.C. What you do matters!

N.C. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

The N.C. Supreme Court is not well known, but citizens elect its 7 Justices and its rulings affect everything: voting rights, fair prices, parental rights, racial bias, water quality, your privacy, and more. You can choose 1 Justice this year.



JEFFERSON GRIFFIN REPUBLICAN

Current occupation: NC Court of Appeals Judge

- Former Wake Co. prosecutor and judge advocate general (JAG) officer in the NC Army National Guard.
- Says he is "an originalist and a textualist." He "believes the words of the Constitution mean what they say," and he values "the rule of law."
- Says in his experience "the law is applied the same to all citizens." **Endorsed by:** More than three dozen sheriffs; N.C. Republican Party **Website:** jeffersongriffin.com



ALLISON RIGGS DEMOCRAT

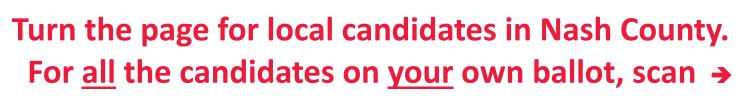
Current occupation: NC Supreme Court Justice

- Former civil rights and voting rights attorney.
- Says courts should protect the "right to privacy [and] access to medical care."
- Says she is committed to "equal justice under the law" because she has seen the justice system

hold people back rather than give them "access to equity and fairness."

Endorsed by: Sierra Club; N.C. Young Democrats

Website: riggsforourcourts.com





Send Your Values to DC & Raleigh!

In addition to President, you can choose legislators to represent your concerns in Congress and the N.C. General Assembly. Vote for 1 candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 1 for N.C. Senate, and 1 for N.C. House based on your Districts. District lines are new this year; find yours at novoter.org/distr.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



KAMALA HARRIS DEMOCRAT

- Says: "Building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency."
- Supports affordable child care and health care, paid family leave, and the right to an abortion.
- Wants new gun control and voting rights laws.
- Would fight price gouging by corporations.
- Supported the bipartisan immigration reform bill opposed by Trump.

Website: kamalaharris.com



DONALD TRUMP REPUBLICAN

- Says: "My first acts as your next President will be to Close the Border, DRILL, BABY, DRILL, and Free the January 6 Hostages being wrongfully imprisoned!"
- Plans to replace Obamacare with insurance markets.
- Will combat fraud with new limits on who can vote.
- Wants to "certify teachers who embrace patriotic

values," end teaching about racism, and let parents elect principals.

Website: donaldjtrump.com

OTHER CANDIDATES: Several other presidential candidates from other political parties are on the ballot; they are profiled at ncvoter.org/guide.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members of Congress adopt the federal budget and laws affecting all aspects of local, national, and global affairs. They are elected by District and serve 2-year terms. North Carolina has 14 Congressional Districts. Nash County is in the 1st District.



DON DAVIS DEMOCRAT

- Will work to boost access to quality healthcare and affordable housing.
- Supports investing in job creation, high-speed internet, and public education.
- Says climate change will

especially harm lower-income families.

Website: votedondavis.com



TOM BAILEY LIBERTARIAN

- Priorities: Reduce the national debt and eliminate federal taxes.
- Opposes gun control.
- Supports public schools but opposes

U.S. Department of Education.

Web: facebook.com/tombaileyforushouse



LAURIE BUCKHOUT REPUBLICAN

-) Would reduce reg
- Would reduce regulation & boost free-market capitalism.
- Would "stop the siege by millions of illegal immigrants" by building the border wall.
- Opposes a woman's right

to abortion and supports gun owners' rights.

Website: lauriebuckhoutforcongress.com

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The N.C. General Assembly has 50 Senators and 120 Representatives serving 2-year terms. They adopt the state budget and laws affecting a wide range of topics. As in Congress, candidates have different views on how to represent the public interest on everything from abortion to tax fairness. See novoter.org/guide for more about the candidates in your District.

N.C. SENATE DISTRICT II



JAMES MERCER DEMOCRAT

- Director of Military Studies at N.C. Wesleyan U.
- Supports changes to address oversized classes and underpaid teachers.
- Would improve law enforcement with community policing, officer accountability, and crime prevention initiatives.
- Supports initiatives to boost affordable housing and economic growth.

Website: votejamesmercer.com



LISA STONE BARNES REPUBLICAN

- Now in N.C. Senate.
- Supports plans to "drive down corporate tax rates [and] control government spending."
- Would address barriers to healthcare, including costly regulations and malpractice insurance.
- Supports local choices for parents and students,

including charter schools and public grants to attend private academies.

Website: lisabarnesfornc.com

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUED

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 24



KEN FONTENOT REPUBLICAN

- Now in the N.C. House; pastor.
- Will promote prosperity with policies that incentivize careers, education, and generational wealth.
- Says: "Students are leaving school with no marketable skills. However, promoting trade skills in our K-12 system is [a] victory for all."
- Opposes "communist co-opters" who say voter ID law harms minorities.

Website: fontenotforhouse.com



DANTE PITTMAN DEMOCRAT

- Barton College staff; Army National Guard captain.
- Supports better funding of public schools; opposes giving wealthy families tax funds for sending their children to private schools.
- Supports expanding affordable housing options.
- Wants to improve rural healthcare access and

also protect "a woman's right to reproductive freedom."

Website: pittmanfornc.com

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 25



NICK TAYLOR LIBERTARIAN

- High school history teacher.
- Advocates "people, not politics." Specific policy plans are not apparent on his Facebook page.

Web: facebook.com/TaylorforNCHouse



LORENZA M. WILKINS DEMOCRAT

- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle executive staff.
- Supports labor unions & investing in small businesses.
- Would protect reproductive rights and voting rights.
- Will tackle climate change as a major "national threat."

Website: lorenzawilkinsfornc.com



ALLEN CHESSER REPUBLICAN

- Now in N.C. House; VP of tech & security company.
- Supports tax cuts and less regulation of businesses.
- Says he's "100% pro-life" and against abortion.

Website: allenchesser.com

NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Commission adopts the budget for schools & other agencies, and it oversees land use, affordable housing, the health department, recreation, and many other vital services. This year, voters elect 3 of the 7 members on the Commission, depending on the District where you live. Visit novoter.org/guide for the candidates on your ballot.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

MARVIN C. ARRINGTON DEMOCRAT

This candidate is unopposed.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3



FREDDY HOWELL REPUBLICAN

- Now owns HS Howell Farms; former corporate career in home improvement industry.
- Says his priorities are "Agriculture, First Responders, Smart Growth, and Transparency."
- Wants funding for sheriff & ambulance services.

Website: votefreddyhowell.com



CARNELL TAYLOR DEMOCRAT

- Owner of Second Wind Computers; former N.C. Highway Patrol officer.
- Says his priorities are "Public Safety, Educational Excellence, and Environmental Sustainability."
- Supports more resources for law enforcement.

Web: facebook.com/carnell.taylor.129

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4



SUE LEGGETT REPUBLICAN

- Now a Commissioner; works at Leggett Farms.
- Will continue to prioritize keeping county taxes low while "making sure that Nash County thrives and local needs [are] met."
- Believes in "Conservative values" for governing.
- Supports agriculture & the farming community.

Web: facebook.com/sueleggettnashcounty



COREY C. MERCER DEMOCRAT

- Retired from military career and former Rocky Mount Fire Chief.
- Wants new infrastructure to address rapid growth in Southern Nash County.
- Would emphasize workforce readiness, equity, and education, including better pay for teachers.

Website: coreycmercer.com

MORE LOCAL OFFICES ON NEXT PAGE

NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education hires the School Superintendent and oversees finances, pupil placement, school policies, and curriculum choices. Because of a new law, the number of Board members is being reduced from 11 to 7 this year.

Schools in the Edgecombe County part of Rocky Mount will be under the Edgecombe Co. Board of Education.

Nash Co. Board of Education members are elected by District on a nonpartisan basis. The District boundaries are all new; the District lines are the same as those for the 7 members of the Nash Co. Board of Commissioners.

Vote for 1 candidate in your District. Find your District and the candidates on your own ballot at ncvoter.org/guide.

DISTRICT 1

DONEVA CHAVIS

This candidate is unopposed.

DISTRICT 2

JAMON WHITFIELD

This candidate is unopposed.

DISTRICT 3



DEAN EDWARDS

- Current Board of Education member. Retired N.C. Highway Patrol Lieutenant and now Assistant Chief of Police of RDU International Airport.
- Priorities: school safety, community engagement, and technology. Wants "schools so good that people will move here" to help their children prosper.

Website: none



FRANKLIN LAMM

- Current Board of Education member. Previously worked at Southern Nash High School, which he also attended as a student.
- Originally from Spring Hope, where he still lives.
- No policy positions posted.

Web: facebook.com/franklin.lamm

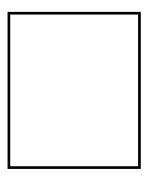
DISTRICT 4



WILLIAM (BILL) SHARPE

- Current Board of Education member. CEO and Founder of PTL Family and Workforce Services. Previously worked as industrial engineer and as director of operations at Roanoke Schools.
- Priorities: increase supplementary pay for teachers; navigate "demerger" with Edgecombe schools; create high-performing schools.

Website: none



KAREN WHITE-JONES

No website or information provided



CHRIS BISSETTE

- Current Board of Education member. Now fire marshall; formerly an adjunct professor.
- Priorities: good financial management for school construction and better paid teachers; put SROs and detection scanners in all schools for safety.

Web: facebook.com/ChrisBissette4

3 WAYS TO VOTE

1. EARLY VOTING: Oct. 17 to Nov. 2

This is the most popular way to vote; it offers flexible days and places for voting. You can register and vote at the same time at Early Voting sites. Find them listed on the last page of this guide.

2. ELECTION DAY: Nov. 5, 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

Vote at your precinct's designated polling place. Find your polling place and review your personal ballot at **ncvoter.org/lookup.**

3. VOTE BY MAIL: This is more complicated than in 2020. You will need two witnesses or a notary when you vote, plus mail a copy of your ID or other paperwork. Follow the directions very carefully. Act early and allow for slow mail. See **ncvoter.org/absentee.**

4 TIPS FOR VOTING

- **1.** Bring an acceptable **photo ID** like a N.C. driver's license; it's okay if the address is out of date. Many student IDs are good. If you don't have an acceptable ID, you can still vote; ask the poll worker for an ID EXCEPTION FORM.
- **2.** Take a **list of your candidate choices** on paper or on your phone to help you remember. Don't take photos in the poll; that's prohibited.
- **3.** If you have a disability, you can get help to vote from anyone you choose, except your employer or union agent; or vote curbside in a car.
- **4.** People with a **felony conviction** can register and vote after serving their full sentence, including probation. See **ncvoter.org/felony**.

NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTINUED

DISTRICT 5

LINWOOD WEEKS

This candidate is unopposed.

DISTRICT 6



LASHAWNDA WASHINGTON

- Current Board of Education member. Now Director of College and Career Readiness at Edgecombe Community College.
- Serves as VP of Strategic Twin-Counties Education Partnership (STEP); its mission is to facilitate lifelong learning and workforce development for residents.

Website: none



EVELYN HINES BULLUCK

- Current Board of Education member. Past President of N.C. School Boards Association, now on its Board of Directors.
- Serves on Safer Schools Task Force and as an Advisor to the Public School Forum. Also serves as an Advisor to State Board of Education.

Website: none

DISTRICT 7



RICKY D. JENKINS

- Current Board of Education member. N.C.
 Probation Revocation Hearing Officer.
- Priority 1: seek grants and other resources to "continue to make progress on ensuring the safety of our students."
- Priority 2: continue the demerger process with Edgecombe County schools to "get our system out of low performing status" and retain "our most qualified teachers."

Website: none



SHARONDA THOMAS BULLUCK

- Current Board of Education member. Director of Operations at The Impact Academy. Previously was a health, safety, and environmental instructor at Edgecombe Community College and a history teacher at Rocky Mount High School and Rocky Mount Prep.
- Priorities: academic excellence; accountability of practices; and alignment of the curriculum with the development of students as future leaders and workers.

Web: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562643735639

Other Local Candidates

- Nash County Register of Deeds: Sandra Dawes Davis (Democrat), unopposed
- Superior Court Judge, District 8A, Seat 1: Tim Wilson (Democrat), unopposed
- District Court Judge, District 8, Seat 3: William Solomon Jr. (Democrat), unopposed
- District Court Judge, District 8, Seat 4: Matthew P. Sperati (Democrat) versus Jennifer K. Bennington (Republican)
- District Court Judge, District 8, Seat 5: Ed Brown (Democrat), unopposed
- District Court Judge, District 8, Seat 6: William C. Farris (Democrat), unopposed
- District Court Judge, District 8, Seat 7: Alicia Slaughter (Democrat), unopposed
- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor: Timothy Mills II versus Robert Covington

Vote the whole ballot, top to bottom.

Last year, dozens of local elections were decided by just 1 or 2 voters.

Question At the End of Your Ballot: Should the N.C. Constitution Be Changed?

The Constitution says a person "born in the U.S. or naturalized" is entitled to vote. At the end of your ballot is this question: Do you want to change the wording to say "only a citizen of the U.S." is entitled to vote? YES or NO

Pick More State Officials

The Governor appoints leaders of some agencies (e.g., health and commerce), but voters elect 8 officials to lead other departments, plus the Lt. Governor. Here are the major-party candidates for those positions.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR*

The Lt. Governor presides over the N.C. Senate and sits on the N.C. Board of Education and other boards.



RACHEL HUNT DEMOCRAT

- Supports investing in public school teachers rather than giving tax money to private academies.
- Emphasizes "standing with rural NC" for economic opportunity, broadband, and affordable housing.
- Supports access to abortion and healthcare.
- Promotes job training and housing for veterans.

Website: rachelhunt.com



HAL WEATHERMAN REPUBLICAN

- Supports placing "armed school resource officers in each and every K-12 school." Opposes gun control.
- Give companies tax breaks for apprenticeship jobs.
- For "Heartbeat" law to ban abortion after 6 weeks.
- Wants to integrate community college with universities to promote trades and practical skills.

Website: halweathermanfornc.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The AG leads the Dept. of Justice, which protects consumers, defends state agencies, and advises local law enforcement.



JEFF JACKSON DEMOCRAT

- Supports criminal justice reform: stop racial bias in sentencing, reduce incarceration for non-violent offenses, and improve reentry programs. Also supports public access to police camera videos.
- Supports gun control & "red flag" protective laws.
- Supports expanding voting rights, independent redistricting, and ending secret money in politics.

Website: jeffjacksonnc.com



DAN BISHOP REPUBLICAN

- Says: "Crime and lawlessness is out of control in our state and I believe restoring a culture of law and order is the most important job of the next AG."
- Says he is an "outspoken conservative."
- Supports stronger measures to stop voter fraud and "ballot-box stuffing." Opposes independent redistricting commission to draw political districts.

Website: votedanbishop.com

SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State manages the registration of businesses, charities, and lobbyists and maintains N.C.'s official records.



ELAINE MARSHALL DEMOCRAT

- Served as N.C. Secretary of State since 1997.
- Says: "I've worked to cut red tape for entrepreneurs starting companies, prosecute criminals who masquerade as charities, and crack down on financial fraud."
- Supports modernizing notary and other services.

Website: elainemarshall.com



CHAD BROWN REPUBLICAN

- Serves on the Gaston Co. Board of Commissioners; was previously Town of Stanley mayor.
- Would "promote innovation and small business growth" and "protect consumers from fraud and identity theft."

Website: electchadbrown.com

TREASURER

The Treasurer oversees state investments, local government borrowing, and the state employee health & retirement plans.



WESLEY HARRIS DEMOCRAT

- Plans to "protect our strong bond rating" and "expand our investment capacity" by moving more funds "sitting in cash" into higher-yield investments.
- Says: "The Treasurer's office shouldn't be a playground for partisan games."

Website: harrisfornc.com



BRAD BRINER REPUBLICAN

- Top priority: "Remedy the chronic underperformance of the Retirement System" caused by "an irrational love of risk-free fixed income investments."
- Would give a "fiduciary board of professionals," not just the Treasurer, authority for investment decisions.

Website: bradbriner.com

More State Officials

*A third party candidate for this office is profiled at ncvoter.org/guide

Candidates are in order as they appear on the ballot

AUDITOR*

The State Auditor reviews the financial management of agencies and programs that receive public funds.



JESSICA HOLMES DEMOCRAT

- Current Auditor; former Wake Co. Commissioner.
- Says she is "committed to safeguarding taxpayer dollars as the NC Auditor, leveraging her expertise, integrity, and unwavering dedication to equitable policies for the betterment of N.C."

Website: jessicafornc.com



DAVE BOLIEK REPUBLICAN

- Former prosecutor and UNC-CH Trustees Board chair.
- Says: "Led fight at UNC to eliminate woke diversity" and has "expertise to root out government corruption."
- Would expose waste in government, "scrub voter rolls," and examine efficiencies at DMV and schools.

Website: auditordave.com

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent heads the Dept. of Public Instruction, which implements State Board of Education policies & state law.



MAURICE (MO) GREEN DEMOCRAT

- Experience: Led Guilford County School System.
- Top goals: "Prepare each student for their next phase in life." "Enhance parent and community support" and a "safe, secure learning environment."
- Supports more funds for pre-K schools, rural youth apprenticeships, and an 8.5% raise for teachers.
- Opposes taxpayer-funded private school vouchers for the very wealthy."

Website: mogreenfornc.com



MICHELE MORROW REPUBLICAN

- Experience: Homeschool teacher and nurse.
- Says school funding must be "fueled by a fiscally conservative free market." Opposes federal school funds.
- Wants "independent audit" of public schools; says many are "indoctrination centers" threatening the U.S.
- Opposes teaching students about race and racism.
- Opposes COVID mandates; says "teachers unions forced school closures."

Website: morrow4nc.com

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE*

The Commissioner leads the Dept. of Agriculture, which has the double role of promoting farm products and food safety.



SARAH TABER DEMOCRAT

- Current farm and food systems manager.
- Says Ag Dept. should promote high-value crops, like berries, fruits, hemp, etc.; canneries; farms in Appalachia; processing facilities for nuts.
- Supports innovating financing for farmers, co-ops, and profit-sharing models to boost rural jobs.

Website: taberfornc.com



STEVE TROXLER REPUBLICAN

- Has served as Ag Commissioner since 2005.
- Has focused on "developing new markets for N.C. farm products, preserving working farms and protecting the state's food supply."
- Promotes meat production and the "Got To Be NC" ag marketing programs, which he says are successful.

Website: stevetroxler.com

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

The Commissioner regulates insurance rates & practices, licenses building inspectors, and trains firefighters & rescue squads.



NATASHA MARCUS DEMOCRAT

- Current state Senator and attorney.
- Says: "My mission has always been to stand up against corruption, corporate greed, and bad government."
- Would "force insurance companies to justify their rates at public hearings," which doesn't happen now.

Website: natashamarcus.com



MIKE CAUSEY REPUBLICAN

- Served as Insurance Commissioner since 2017.
- Would abolish the Rate Bureau's role in setting insurance rates because it "kills free enterprise."
- Has added fraud inspectors, added consumer services, and cleared backlog of fire dept. inspections.

Website: mikecauseync.com

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More State Officials on All Ballots

*A third party candidate for this office is profiled at ncvoter.org/guide

Candidates are in order as they appear on the ballot

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

The Commissioner leads the Labor Dept., which inspects workplaces and enforces laws about worker health & safety.



LUKE FARLEY REPUBLICAN

- Says: "Will fight for free enterprise, fair competition, and cutting government red tape."
- Will protect workers who refuse orders to receive a COVID vaccine; opposes new heat stress regulations.
- Supports "accountability by keeping the commissioner's picture on elevator certificates."

Website: lukefarleync.com



BRAXTON WINSTON II DEMOCRAT

- Says: "CNBC ranked NC as #1 state to do business [but] Oxfam ranked NC as worst state to be a worker. This is unacceptable. Our workers deserve better."
- Will ensure workers "work in a safe environment."
- Will be a "whole worker" advocate for fair pay, job rights, training, and affordable health care & housing.

Website: votebraxton.com

N.C. COURT OF APPEALS - Candidates for 3 seats

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals of criminal and civil cases from local courts; 3 of the Court's 15 seats are open in 2024.

SEAT 14

SEAT 12



TOM MURRY REPUBLICAN

Attorney and former state legislator, prosecutor, and judge advocate in the Army National Guard.

Website: jointom.com



ED ELDRED DEMOCRAT

Attorney with over a decade of experience in trial and appellate court litigation.

Website: eldredforjudge.com



SEAT 15 CHRIS FREEMAN

REPUBLICAN

Current District Court judge in Rockingham and Caswell counties and former district attorney.

Web: chrisfreemanforjudge.com



CAROLYN THOMPSON
DEMOCRAT

Current Court of Appeals judge; former Superior Court judge and attorney in private practice.

Web: judgecarolynthompson.com



VALERIE ZACHARY
REPUBLICAN

Current Court of Appeals judge; previously practiced law for 26 years in family firm.

Web: reelectjudgezachary.com



MARTIN MOORE

DEMOCRAT

Buncombe Co. Commissioner with mediation and appellate law practice; former public defender.

Website: martinforjudge.com

Use an Early Voting Location, Oct. 17-Nov. 2

Nash County voters can vote at any of the locations listed below during Early Voting. You can use Same-Day Registration to register and vote during Early Voting (but not on Election Day); see last section of ncvoter.org/register.

All sites are open: Weekdays (Monday-Friday), Oct. 17 to Nov. 1, 8 am-7:30 pm; and Saturdays, Oct. 19 & Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 8 am-3 pm.

- Nash County Ag Center, 1006 Eastern Avenue, Nashville
- Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N. Grace Street, Rocky Mount
- Medpark Building (UNC Nash Hospital Campus), 500 Nash Medical Arts Mall, Rocky Mount
- Mt. Pleasant Community Building, 7637 Harris Road, Bailey

Questions? Call the Hotline at 888-OUR-VOTE or visit NCVoter.org or call the Nash County Board of Elections at 252-459-1350