



Pitt 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

**Turn the page for local candidates in Pitt County.
For all the candidates on your own ballot, scan →**



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 ncvoter.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 laws affecting local, national, and international affairs. Pitt County is in the 3rd Congressional District, represented by **Republican Greg Murphy**. You may vote for him or his opponent, **Libertarian Gheorghe Cormos**.

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 ncvoter.org/guide for more about the candidates in your District.

N.C. SENATE DISTRICT 5



ALEXANDER J. PASCHALL REPUBLICAN

- Assistant Public Defender in Pitt County.
- Would change policies that are "criminalizing poverty" (e.g., jail for fees/DMV license revocation) yet are "lenient toward dangerous criminals."
- Would work "to fund and coordinate a unified effort to improve and maintain our waterways" in order to address chronic flooding in the region.

Website: electpaschall.com



KANDIE D. SMITH DEMOCRAT

- Now in N.C. Senate; small business owner.
- Would work to increase the supply of affordable housing and expand Medicaid insurance coverage.
- Would address flooding and climate change, invest in green energy, and hold polluters accountable.
- Supports justice system reforms to address racial and economic disparities and also aid reentry.

Website: kandiesmith.com

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 8



ANGELENE MITCHELL REPUBLICAN

- Minister; degree in business management.
- Supports providing adequate resources for good teachers and quality public schools.
- Says crime & illegal immigration need attention.
- Wants to reduce the injustice experienced by people "who don't fit in."

Website: none



GLORISTINE BROWN DEMOCRAT

- Now in N.C. House; former mayor of Bethel.
- Says: "Our teachers are the backbone of our society, and they should be compensated accordingly."
- Favors "local, regional, and state collaboration" for economic development and job creation.
- Supports conservation and reducing waste to protect the planet.

Website: [Facebook.com/GloristineBrownNC](https://www.facebook.com/GloristineBrownNC)

N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY *CONTINUED*

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 9



CLAIRE KEMPNER DEMOCRAT

- Leader of N.C. Chapter of Moms Demand Action, which promotes gun safety laws.
- Says: “Our Republican-controlled legislature is violating our constitution by not fully funding our public schools.”
- Will “fight to defend reproductive freedom.”
- Says affordable healthcare is a right; supports providing more resources to address mental health and addiction problems.

Website: clairefornc.com



TIMOTHY REEDER REPUBLICAN

- Now in N.C. House; physician.
- Supports protecting the Second Amendment by opposing gun ownership restrictions.
- Says: “Economic freedom is essential to human liberty and personal success.” Supports lowering taxes and decreasing regulations of companies.
- Supports funding to place more School Resource Officers and mental health professionals in schools.

Website: drtimreeder.com

Choose Your Local Officials

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Commission adopts the budget for schools & other agencies, and it oversees land use, affordable housing, conservation programs, the health department, recreation, and many other vital services.

This year, voters elect 3 of the 9 members on the Commission, depending on the District where you live.

Visit ncvoter.org/guide for your District and profiles of the candidates on your ballot.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT A

MELVIN C. MCLAWHORN DEMOCRAT

This candidate is unopposed.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT B



BOB EDWARDS DEMOCRAT

- Retired professor at ECU.
- Wants “adequately resourced public schools [that] educate a broadly skilled workforce.”
- Would expand county support for housing and renting options and access to transit & recreation.

Website: bobforpittcounty.com

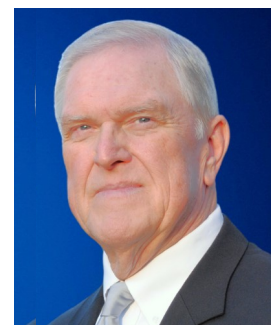


ROCHELLE BROWN REPUBLICAN

- Culinary and event space business owner.
- Would sell downtown properties to private developers to stimulate commerce and growth.
- Supports more resources for law enforcement, community policing & crime prevention strategies.

Website: rochellebrown.net

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT C



MAC MANNING DEMOCRAT

- Retired sheriff of Pitt County.
- Would use his experience with “budgeting, financial planning, personnel management, facilities maintenance, public infrastructure, and long-term planning” to serve the county.
- Wants an economy that benefits all citizens.
- Would “be a good steward of our tax dollars.”

Website: macmanning.com



BILLY PARKER REPUBLICAN

- Small business owner.
- Would prioritize support for law enforcement because its absence means “justice becomes an apparition without substance.”
- Wants to partner with local cities in a way that fosters economic development and attracts industry to Eastern N.C.

Website: electbillyparker.com

MORE LOCAL OFFICES ON NEXT PAGE

Vote the whole ballot, top to bottom.

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

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The 9-member Board of Education hires the School Superintendent and oversees finances, pupil placement, school policies, and curriculum choices. The members are elected by District on a nonpartisan basis.

This year, voters living in Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9 will elect their Board of Education member.

Find your District and the candidates on your ballot at ncvoter.org/guide.

DISTRICT 1 (UNEXPIRED TERM)



MARY NOBLES MAULTSBY

- Retired educator; now a reading interventionist in elementary school. Appointed to serve as District 1 Board member in April 2024.
- Would advocate for “effective policies to improve and sustain quality education in Pitt Co.”
- Believes “excellence in education can be achieved by unlocking potential, empowering every student and building futures one student at a time.”

Web: facebook.com/mary.maultsby.92



MARVION J. WILCOX

- Hospitality Associate at ECU Medical Center.
- Would promote “competitive salaries for all school staff” and provide a supportive work environment that values educators’ contributions.
- Would prioritize “the importance of student mental health,” “comprehensive school safety measures,” and empowering students “in reaching their full potential.”

Website: facebook.com/p/Marvion-Wilcox-100006467660658

DISTRICT 3



RASHEED MALLORY

- Food truck owner.
- Emphasizes the importance of positive community support for children’s development.
- Wants mental health counseling that listens to students rather than “throws labels” on them.

Website: none



JAMES TRIPP

- Member of the Board of Education. Worked in law enforcement for 30+ years, now retired. Worked with Pitt Co. schools and sheriff on gang prevention and related training for school staff.
- Says he is concerned about school safety, racial inequality, school suspension practices, and construction of mobile classrooms.

- Wants to see the school system hire more Black men as teachers.

Website: none

DISTRICT 4



JUSTIN EASTWOOD

- Construction foreman.
- Says he is “tired of books being allowed in our public schools but yet we were not allowed to talk in the same verbiage at the board meetings due to the vulgarity of the words we were using.”
- Says: “Bullies and disciplinary actions against those bullying are not being dealt with.”

Web: facebook.com/cteJRE



DESHA LANE

- Program manager at Impact Youth NC. Chair of the Pitt Co. Community Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families.
- Says Board members should listen to, and be influenced by, families and students as they make decisions.

- Priorities: create a safe learning environment and encourage policies that “disrupt the school to prison” pipeline.

Website: desha4schoolboard.wixsite.com

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.

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISTRICT 6



WORTH FORBES

- Member of the Board of Education. 30+ years experience in Pitt Co. schools, from teacher to principal to associate superintendent.
- Supports supplement pay for teachers and reducing their workload by “eliminating unnecessary paperwork/programs.”
- Wants to improve discipline in classrooms.

Website: worthforbes.info



ERIN KESSEL

- Pitt County public school teacher for 13+ years.
- Recognizes diversity of families with children in Pitt Co. schools and the need to provide “equitable resources” and multiple ways to support student learning and parental involvement.
- Supports policies that will retain and reward teachers and “provide opportunities for growth.”

Website: erinkesselpcs.weebly.com

DISTRICT 8

AMANDA KLEIN

This candidate is unopposed

DISTRICT 9



BENJIE FORREST

- Member of the Board of Education. Owns Benjie Forrest Farms; former teacher.
- Says student achievement should be evaluated not just based on test scores, but also on “student interest, career preparation, and drop-out rates.”
- Says “security in schools and buses should be periodically assessed and improved.”

- Supports partnerships with area colleges & institutions for vocational learning. “No program that excites students should be eliminated.”

Website: benjieforrest.com



JENNIFER C. MATTHEWS

- Faculty member at ECU; spouse of public school teacher; PTA board member at children’s school.
- Emphasizes student success but “we must acknowledge that success looks different for every student.” Supports technical education for skilled workers as well as college prep curriculum.

- Supports “going to families [with] information they need, rather than expecting families to” go to inconvenient places.
- Says teachers, counselors, and other staff deserve respect, better pay, and supportive resources to perform their jobs.

Website: jennifermatthewsforschoolboard.weebly.com

Other Local Candidates

Superior Court Judge, District 3, Seat 1: Jeffery B. Foster (Republican), unopposed

District Court Judge, District 3, Seat 3: G. Galen Braddy (Democrat), unopposed

District Court Judge, District 3, Seat 4: Brian DeSoto (Republican), unopposed

District Court Judge, District 3, Seat 5: Wendy Smallwood Hazelton (Democrat), unopposed

District Court Judge, District 3, Seat 6: Mario E. Perez (Democrat), unopposed

Pitt County Register of Deeds: Lisa Nichols (Democrat), unopposed

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

The Constitution now 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

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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 12



TOM MURRY
REPUBLICAN

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

Website: jointom.com

SEAT 14



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

Pitt 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; Saturdays, Oct. 19 & Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 8 am-3 pm; and Sunday, Oct. 27, 1 pm-5 pm.

- Agricultural Center, 403 Government Circle, Greenville
- H. Boyd Lee Park, 5184 Corey Road, Greenville
- ECU Student Center, Room #125, 501 E. 10th Street, Greenville
- Epps Recreation Center, 400 Nash Street, Greenville
- Ayden Community Building, 548 Second Street, Ayden
- Farmville Community Center, 3886 S. Main Street, Farmville
- Winterville Community Room, 2593 Railroad Street, Winterville

Questions? Call the Hotline at 888-OUR-VOTE or visit NCVoter.org or call the Pitt County Board of Elections at 252-902-3300