



Rowan 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:
Attorney General



- Supports more funds for teachers, public schools and child care centers.
- Would invest in "a clean energy economy" to create jobs and address global warming.
- Supports access to abortion & contraceptives.
- Supports an independent redistricting commission to protect voting rights.
- As N.C. 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 in 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 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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU

Two questions are at the end of the ballot for you to answer YES or NO.

Change the County Board of Education?

Currently, members of the Board of Education are elected without party labels in nonpartisan elections. Question: Should Rowan County begin electing Board of Education members in partisan elections with candidates campaigning with their political party affiliation? YES or NO

Change the N.C. Constitution?

The N.C. Constitution now specifies that a person "born in the U.S. or naturalized" is entitled to vote. Question: Do you want to change the wording to say "only a citizen of the U.S." is entitled to vote? YES or NO

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 on the back page.
- 2. ELECTION DAY: Nov. 5, 6:30am - 7:30pm.** Vote at your own precinct polling place. Find your poll and see your ballot at ncvoter.org/lookup.
- 3. VOTE BY MAIL:** This is more complex than in 2020. You'll need two witnesses or a notary when you vote. Follow directions carefully. 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 when you go to vote; it's okay if the address on the ID is out of date. Many student IDs are good. If you don't have an acceptable form of 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 inside 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. For **questions about voting**, visit ncvoter.org, call the free hotline 888-867-8683 or scan →



For all the candidates on your 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 access to voting.
- 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

N.C. voters elect 14 Representatives to the U.S. House. All of Rowan County is in the 10th Congressional District. The candidates are **KEVIN HAYES** (Constitution) vs. **ADDISON MCDOWELL** (Republican). Learn about them at ncvoter.org/guide.

ROWAN CO. MEMBERS OF THE N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Voters in Rowan County elect legislators to the General Assembly to adopt the state budget and laws affecting everything from abortion to tax fairness. See ncvoter.org/guide for profiles of your N.C. Senate and House District candidates.

N.C. Senate District 33 (all of Rowan Co.): Carl Ford (R) vs. Tangela (Lucy Horne) Morgan (D)

N.C. House District 76: Harry Warren (R) vs. Alisha Byrd-Clark (D)

N.C. House District 77: Julia Craven Howard (R) vs. Kashmir R. Sibby (D)

N.C. House District 83: Grant Campbell (R) vs. Joanne Chesley (D)

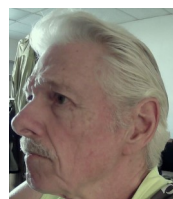
Choose Your Local Officials

ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Commission adopts the budget for schools & other agencies, and it oversees land use, recreation programs, the health department, and other vital services. This year, voters elect 2 of the 5 Commissioners. Vote for up to 2 of the candidates below; votes for write-in candidate Bobby Kemp will also count. Visit ncvoter.org/guide for more about the candidates.

MARK ORTIZ WE THE PEOPLE

- Motorsports engineer.



- Focus on housing: the "corporate take-over," "insane run-up in housing costs," and homelessness.

Website: none

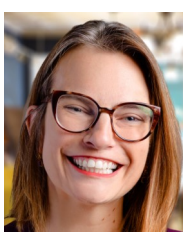


CRAIG PIERCE REPUBLICAN

- Now a County Commissioner. Internet dominated with news of his DWI convicted in 2021 & suspended jail term.

Website: none

ALISSA REDMOND DEMOCRAT



- Book store owner.
- Priorities: economic & community development, affordable housing, cultural enrichment, and well-funded schools.

Website: redmond4rowan.com



MIKE CASKEY REPUBLICAN

- Now a County Commissioner.
- Offers "proven conservative leadership" & help for first responders & veterans.

Web: facebook.com/mikecaskey72

ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

This year, voters elect 3 of the 7 Education Board members. The Board hires a Superintendent and oversees school policies. Members live in Districts but are elected by all county voters on a nonpartisan basis. Learn more at ncvoter.org/guide.

SEAT 3 (EAST)

KATHY MCDUFFIE SANBORN

This candidate is unopposed.

SEAT 5 (SALISBURY)



BRYAN WYMBS

- Attorney
- Wants more resources for schools and students to improve poor facilities, staff pay, and low test scores.

Website: bryanwymbs.com



JONATHAN S. BARBEE

- Works in family business.
- Wants to uphold right of self-defense, property rights & religious freedom as Christian Conservative.

Website: barbeeforrowan.com



REBECCA CHILDS

- Comm. college program manager.
- Wants to "provide the knowledge, resources & opportunities" for student "achievement & development."

Website: childsforboard.com

SEAT 7 (SOUTHEAST)



MCKENZIE L. KELLY

- Moms For Liberty advocate.
- Goals: "focus on fundamentals," purge schools of pornography.

Web: facebook.com/voteMLK



LYNN G. MARSH

- On Board of Education now.
- Goals: safety; higher achievement; support for teachers, kids & parents.

Web: facebook.com/lynnmarshschoolboard

Pick More N.C. Top 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 & 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.
- For “Heartbeat” law to ban abortion after 6 weeks.
- Wants to integrate community college with universities to promote trades and practical skills and give companies tax breaks for apprenticeship jobs.

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.
- Supports gun control: require universal background checks and enact “red flag” protective laws.
- Supports independent redistricting & voting rights.

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’s now “one of the toughest and most outspoken conservatives in Congress.”
- Opposes independent redistricting.

Website: votedanbishop.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.

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 an “independent audit” of public schools; says many are “indoctrination centers” threatening the U.S.
- Opposes teaching students about race and racism.

Website: morrow4nc.com

SECRETARY OF STATE

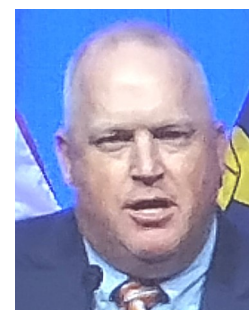
The Secretary of State manages the registration of businesses, charities, and lobbyists and maintains N.C.’s official records.



ELAINE MARSHALL DEMOCRAT

- Has 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

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; 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

TREASURER

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

WESLEY HARRIS DEMOCRAT Website: harrisfornc.com

BRAD BRINER REPUBLICAN Website: bradbriner.com

More State Officials

Candidates are in order as they appear on the ballot

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

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

The Commissioner leads the Labor Department, 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 a COVID vaccine.
- 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 be a "whole worker" advocate for fair pay, job rights & safety, training, and affordable health care.

Website: votebraxton.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; processing facilities for nuts; and innovative financing for farmers, co-ops, profit-sharing models to boost rural jobs.

Website: taberfornc.com



STEVE TROXLER REPUBLICAN

- Served as Commissioner of Agriculture 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 & Got To Be NC marketing programs.

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

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

Rowan Co. 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 the last section of ncvoter.org/register.

All 5 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; Sundays, Oct. 20 & Oct. 27, 1 pm-5 pm.

- Rowan County Board of Elections, West End Plaza (Outside Entrance), 1935 Jake Alexander Blvd. W., Salisbury
- Public Library - South Branch, 920 Kimball St., China Grove
- American Legion Bldg., 8580 US Highway 52, Rockwell
- Spencer Municipal Bldg., 460 S. Salisbury Ave., Spencer
- Cleveland Town Hall, 302 E. Main St., Cleveland

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

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