

EACC 2022 Endorsed Candidates

Process Review

- All-member email was sent seeking volunteers for Interview Teams.
- Interview Team members were assigned to a district and provided training.
- Questionnaires and interview questions were created by the GR Committee and Interview Teams.
- Questionnaires were sent to local Democratic and Republican Central Committees and sent to every filed candidate for Board of Education and County Commissioner.
- Interview Teams conducted candidate interviews from February through April.
- The GR Committee held a debrief session with Interview Teams.
- The GR Committee met to act on Interview Team recommendations and finalize recommended endorsements.

Interview Teams

District 1 Team

Veronica Golden

Mary Finneran

Julie Gloriso

District 3 Team

Melissa Carpenter

Deidra Baker

Tara Sewell

At-Large and State Legislature Team

Linda McLaughlin

Denise Pratt

Peter Ullmann

District 2 Team

Dan Brady

Will Lewis

Linda Shackelford

District 4 Team

Shawn Starcher

Sean Heyl

Randy Mickens

Staff Support

Aimee Holmes

Dawn Pipkin

Randy Mickens

Delegate and State Senate Recommendations

- MSEA makes final endorsements for all state-wide and legislative elections.
- The EACC has recommended the following candidates to MSEA for endorsement:

Delegate- District 27A

Susie Proctor

Delegate- District 28

C.T. Wilson

Edith Patterson

State Senate- District 28

Arthur Ellis

State Senate- District 27

Michael Jackson

Board of Education Member-at-Large

GR Committee's Recommendation- Mike Lukas

Rational:

- Incumbent Board Member with proven track record of working with the EACC.
- Proven viability in county-wide races.
- Very transparent with the EACC and the community during the pandemic.
- Consistent advocate for educators and open lines of communication with EACC.



Board of Education- District 1 (Two Seats)

GR Committee's Recommendation- David Hancock

Rationale:

- Incumbent Board Member with proven track record of supporting educators.
- Children are current CCPS students and spouse is a CCPS educator.
- Even when viewpoints don't fully align with EACC, always willing to listen and receive feedback.
- Clear priorities for second term.
 - Retaining teachers, involve parents and community members in schools, reduce school/classroom overcrowding.



Board of Education- District 1 (Two Seats)

GR Committee's Recommendation- Samichie Thomas

Rationale:

- Articulated clear priorities that align with EACC goals.
- Displayed clear knowledge of the Blueprint.
- Former educator with children enrolled in CCPS.
- Top Priorities:
 - Equity, Optimizing Education Funding, and Supporting a Transition from COVID.



Board of Education- District 2 (Two Seats)

- *GR Committee's Recommendation- Jamila Smith*
- Rationale:
 - Very impressive interview with our Interview Team.
 - Articulated a clear vision for Charles County Public Schools.
 - Current employee of the US Dept of Education.
 - Strong knowledge of the Blueprint.
 - Moved to Charles County because she wanted her children to go to school here.



Board of Education- District 2 (Two Seats)

GR Committee Recommendation- Brenda Thomas

Rationale:

- Repeatedly promised to seek the EACC's advice and input during her interview.
- Deep roots in the District 2 Community.
- Grandchildren currently enrolled in CCPS.
- She and her husband are longtime community volunteers, including driving meals to students and families during COVID shutdowns.



Board of Education- District 3 (Two Seats)

GR Committee Recommendation- Richard Wallace

Rationale:

- Made increasing educator pay a clear priority.
- Promised to seek EACC input on key decisions as a board member.
- Spouse is a teacher with CCPS.
- Articulated a clear vision and goals for CCPS if elected.



Board of Education- District 3 (Two Seats)

- *GR Committee Recommendation- Nicole Kreamer*

Rationale:

- Very involved in CCPS and a current classroom substitute.
- Identified BoE responsiveness to the community a clear priority.
- Will prioritize policies that increase family and community involvement.
- Wants to understand the EACC position on all education issues and promised to seek out EACC voice before making final decisions.



Board of Education- District 4 (Two Seats)

GR Committee Recommendation- Yonelle Moore Lee

Rationale:

- Impressive interview with Interview Team.
- Wants to keep policies that are working and work to improve those that are not.
- Promised to seek EACC voice as key decisions are made.
- Heavily involved in the District 4 community.



Commissioner-President

GR Committee Recommendation- Reuben Collins

Rationale:

- Proven record of winning county-wide races and experienced in county government administration and budgeting.
- Vastly improved relationship with EACC.
- Feedback offered at our Legislative Reception helped shape our budget strategy this year.
- Voted for \$12 million over Maintenance of Effort in most recent county budget.



Commissioner- District 1

GR Committee Recommendation- Gilbert “BJ” Bowling

Rationale:

- Incumbent with experience in county government administration and budgeting.
- Clear record of fighting for funding for education.
- Followed through on promise to always include EACC voice.
- Children are students in CCPS and family is engaged in the community.
- Voted for \$12 million over Maintenance of Effort in most recent county budget.



Commissioner- District 2

GR Committee Recommendation- Thomasina Coates

Rationale:

- Very impressive interview with Interview Team.
- Proven record of winning county-wide races.
- Grandchildren enrolled in CCPS
- Voted for \$12 million over Maintenance of Effort in most recent county budget.
- EACC will seek increased communication and collaboration, as promised in candidate interview.



Commissioner- District 3

GR Committee Recommendation- Amanda Stewart

Rationale:

- Proven record of winning county-wide and experienced in county government administration and budgeting.
- Educator in Prince George's County.
- Promises to continue to seek EACC voice in decisions.
- Voted for \$12 million over Maintenance of Effort in most recent county budget.



Commissioner- District 4

GR Committee Recommendation- Bobby Rucci

Rationale:

- Proven record of winning county-wide and experienced in county government administration and budgeting.
- Honest interview with unique ideas to improve housing affordability.
- Has become a reliable vote for education in budgeting.
- Voted for \$12 million over Maintenance of Effort in most recent county budget.

