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Albemarle County
School Board Office

At-Large
School Board Member Application

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2021

By: [Signature]

Name William T. Woodrow

Home Address [Redacted]

**You must be registered to vote in Albemarle County. You can determine this by checking your voter card or by calling the Voter Registration Office at 434.972.4173.*

Phone [Redacted] Cell Phone Same

Email [Redacted]

Do you currently have children/grandchildren in ACPS? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If no, have you had children/grandchildren in ACPS? ☐ YES ☐ NO

How long have you resided in Albemarle County 15 years

Have you previously served on the Albemarle County School Board or an Albemarle County Public Schools Committee or Council?

If so, please explain your previous committee/council work.

No, I have not.

Please indicate why you are interested in serving on the School Board.

See attached Interest Statement

Please indicate where appropriate, areas in which you have experience or knowledge:

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| ☐ School Construction | ☒ Research |
| ☐ Education/Curriculum | ☒ Strategic Planning |
| ☐ Databases | ☒ Finance/Budget |
| ☒ Community Engagement | ☒ Nonprofit and Human Services |
| ☒ Public Administration | ☐ County Government |
| ☒ Policy Development | ☐ Statistics/Demographics |
| ☒ Governance | ☒ Other |

Please further describe the experience, education, and leadership skills you would bring to the School Board.

Please see attached CV/Experience and Leadership Statement

Indicate if you are attaching additional information pertinent to this application.

- ☒ Attachments are provided
☐ No attachments were necessary

Signature  Date 08/21/26

Please be advised that, upon submission, this application and any supporting documents become public records and may be disclosed or published by Albemarle County Public Schools.

Applications may be submitted by email or delivered/mailed to:

M. Christine Thompson, Clerk of the Board
Albemarle County School Board
401 McIntire Road, Room 345
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Phone: 434-296-5820

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WILLIAM T. WOODROW

INTEREST STATEMENT

Albemarle County Public Schools has been part of my family's daily life for many years. All three of my children have attended ACPS, and my youngest is now a junior at Western Albemarle High School. That experience has given me a direct stake in the division's success and a sustained appreciation for the role strong public schools play in the lives of individual families and in the vitality of the larger community. I am seeking appointment because the Board has a central role in translating the division's strategic commitments into measurable gains for students, particularly as ACPS continues to implement the Bellwether recommendations.

ACPS has substantial strengths and a long-standing reputation for excellence. Preserving and extending that record, however, requires more than reliance on past performance. It requires sustained attention to the quality of instruction, measurable academic progress, responsible allocation of resources, and careful assessment of whether adopted policies are producing their intended results. The ultimate measure is the preparation of our graduates: whether they can read with comprehension, write with precision, reason independently, master essential subject matter, and meet demanding expectations. They should leave ACPS prepared to compete for opportunities in higher education, employment, and civic life, both within Virginia and nationally.

Public confidence is also essential. The Board should make decisions deliberately, explain them candidly, and expect them to be administered consistently. That work depends upon meaningful partnership among educators, families, students, and the broader community; respect for professional expertise; careful examination of evidence and results; and civility when reasonable people disagree. I would welcome the opportunity to help ACPS build on its strengths, address areas requiring improvement, and maintain a disciplined focus on providing every student with an excellent education.

WILLIAM T. WOODROW

EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

My professional background combines law, public policy, business, and organizational leadership. My graduate education in public policy trained me to examine how institutions establish priorities, allocate limited resources, implement policy, and evaluate performance. My business education provided a grounding in finance and organizational management, while my legal education added a disciplined approach to governance, statutory interpretation, procedural fairness, risk, and decision-making on a complex factual record. Together, those fields provide a useful framework for the work of a governing board: defining objectives, weighing competing considerations, and evaluating whether institutional decisions are lawful, prudent, and effective.

For more than a decade, I have also been responsible for building and managing law practices. As the founder of Woodrow Law Group PLLC and previously a co-founder of Stone & Woodrow LLP, I have directed case selection, long-term strategy, research, budgets, expert and vendor coordination, negotiations, client communication, and day-to-day operations. Complex litigation requires reconstructing how decisions were made, testing assertions against contemporaneous records, identifying gaps between written policy and actual practice, and distinguishing an isolated error from a systemic problem. My trial and appellate work has further required me to master technical subjects, explain them clearly, and defend my analysis under sustained scrutiny.

Leadership in those settings is not simply a matter of advocating a position. It requires listening carefully, anticipating opposing arguments, exercising judgment in adversarial circumstances, negotiating where agreement is possible, and maintaining productive professional relationships when it is not. My service as a homeowners-association president and as a nonprofit board member has provided an additional perspective on collective governance and accountability to a community. Those roles require an awareness that decisions affect people with different priorities and that authority must be exercised through clear processes, responsible use of resources, and decisions that can be explained to those affected by them.

I do not claim the experience of a professional educator, nor would I view the Board's role as a license to substitute its judgment for the day-to-day expertise of teachers and administrators. I would bring the skills appropriate to oversight: the ability to master a substantial record, ask precise questions, assess legal and fiscal consequences, test whether recommendations are supported by evidence, identify potential unintended effects, and communicate the reasons for a decision. I also understand the distinction between setting direction and administering an organization. That combination of analytical discipline, practical management, and respect for institutional roles is what I would bring to the School Board.

WILLIAM T. WOODROW
Attorney | Public Policy | Organizational Leadership

Attorney, public-policy graduate, and law-practice founder with more than a decade of experience evaluating complex evidence, developing strategy, managing professional organizations, and communicating difficult issues to courts, clients, and varied audiences. Albemarle County resident since 2011 and parent of three children who have attended Albemarle County Public Schools, including one currently enrolled.

RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Policy research, legal analysis, and evidence-based decision-making
- Strategic planning, organizational management, budgeting, and resource allocation
- Governance, legal compliance, risk assessment, and institutional accountability
- Negotiation, conflict resolution, public speaking, and clear explanation of complex issues

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Woodrow Law Group, PLLC, Charlottesville, Virginia | Founder and Principal **2023-Present**

- Founded and manage a state/federal litigation practice; direct case selection, legal strategy, research, budgets, expert and vendor coordination, negotiations, client communication, and firm operations.
- Represented clients in appellate litigation before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Fifth Circuits and defended a petition for certiorari before the United States Supreme Court.

Stone & Woodrow, LLP, Charlottesville, Virginia | Co-Founder and Partner **2014-2023**

- Co-founded and managed a boutique practice handling complex federal litigation involving domestic and international air travel, civil rights, personal injury, and reputational harm.
- Advised aviation clients in aircraft finance and leasing transactions and worked across jurisdictions with clients, experts, opposing counsel, courts, and other institutions.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ACPS CONNECTION

Homeowners Association President | Albemarle County

Board Member | Net Sum Positive

ACPS Parent | Western Albemarle High School

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law Juris Doctor, 2014

University of Maryland Graduate School of Public Policy Master of Public Policy, 2005

University of Maryland Smith School of Business Bachelor of Science, 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Virginia State Bar | Virginia Trial Lawyers Association | American Association for Justice