



RIO District School Board Member Application

Applications must be received no later than midnight on
Sunday, October 25, 2026

Name

Home Address

**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 Cell Phone

Email

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

Have you previously served on the Albemarle County School Board or an Albemarle
County Public Schools Committee or Council? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

I was appointed to the Albemarle County School Board in 2025 after the passing of Mr. Chuck Pace. I served for 11 months (January 2025 - December 2025) for the Rio District. While on the school board I was part of the Disciplinary Committee.

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

In seeking appointment to the Albemarle County School Board - Rio District, I feel as if I have unfinished business to do. As I have shared since my first appointment, I want to serve to ensure all children in the Albemarle County Public Schools are afforded a quality education. I want to ensure that there is equitable access to resources, improvement in academic standards, safety and security, better pay and retention of our teachers and administrators, and better accountability and transparency. I want to work to improve trust within the community. I further feel that there needs to be an African American on the school board. I am concerned about the trajectory of many policies that impact black students and families. I want to be part of the screening, selection and hiring process for the next Superintendent. I want to continue to grow and learn all facets of improving the Albemarle County Public Schools. I want to make a difference.

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

☐ Research/Education/Curriculum

☒ Strategic Planning Databases

☒ Finance/Budget Community Engagement

☒ Nonprofit and Human Services ☒ Public Administration

☒ County Government Policy Development

☒ Statistics/Demographics ☒ Governance

☒ Other Public Safety

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

My experience, education and leadership skills would include my service of eleven months on the ACPS School Board in 2025. It was a fast-moving time, and much to learn! As a native of the Charlottesville/Albemarle community, I graduated from Charlottesville High School. Attended and graduated from Virginia State University with a BA in Sociology (Concentration in Admin. of Justice) Minor in Military History, culminating in completion of Army ROTC, and Commissioned as a 2Lt. (Reserves). Currently pursuing a Master of Public Safety degree at the Univ. of Virginia. I have worked for the Albe/Ch'ville Regional Jail, the VA Dept of Juvenile Justice and the VA Dept of Corrections, with most emphasis on Probation and Parole as well as work with intensive substance abusers. I specialized for over 15 years with specialty court dockets - Drug Court Programs. I served as a Senior Probation/Parole Officer (Supervisor/Administrator) at an all-male facility. I served as the Family Treatment Court Coordinator (Region Ten CSB). Additionally, I am a certified Mediator through the Univ. of Virginia Social Justice Institute. I have served for nearly 24 years as a Facilitator (part-time) with the James River Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP). I am actively involved with several community organizations, to include the Piedmont District Baptist Association (PDBA), the Albemarle-Charlottesville NAACP and the Albemarle Foundation for Education.

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

- ☐ Attachments are provided
☒ No attachments were necessary

Signature

Date

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
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