

Statement of Interest in Appointment to the Durham Public Schools Board of Education District 3 Vacancy

In order to serve on the Board, a candidate must reside in school board district 3, not be a convicted felon unless restored to the rights of citizenship, be a registered voter, be at least 21 years of age, and not be an employee of Durham Public Schools.

Additionally, all candidates should be prepared to fulfill responsibilities including participating in work sessions, monthly meetings, hearings, called meetings, school visits and regular communications with constituents.

Name: Apryle Lawson Daye

Preferred Pronoun: She, her, hers

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I hereby declare my interest in filling the vacant District 3 seat on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education through June 30, 2024. I have read the DPS Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for School Board Members (1106) and agree that if I am appointed to the vacant seat I will comply with the code and with all other policies governing the conduct of board members.

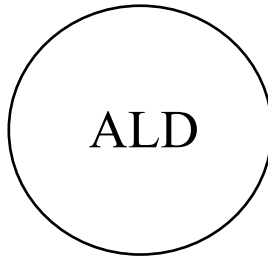
I certify that I reside within the boundaries of District 3 and that I am eligible to vote in elections for the District 3 seat on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education.

Apryle Lawson Daye 02/27/2023
SIGNATURE DATE

The completed form must be delivered to Nicole Smith, School Board Executive Assistant, by 8am. on February 27, 2023. The form may be delivered to Ms. Smith by electronic mail at Nicole.Smith@dpsnc.net or by letter carrier at Durham Public Schools, 511 Cleveland Street, Durham, NC, 27702.

Apryle Lawson Daye
Responses to Application Questions

- 1) My desire to serve on the School Boards comes from the experiences I have had as a student, employee and parent in the Durham Public Schools System. My mother is a retired educator and administrator of the DPS system. She gave me the love of learning and the respect for education that I have today. Education has changed so much over the past few years and I wish to be a part of the forward moving efforts to insure that our system is one of the best in the state and the country. During my lifetime, my parents were advocates for students and parents in our community. In my adult life, I have served on the PTA and the Durham Council of PTAs. Presently, I continue to serve our community education through volunteerism and support of parents and students on a personal level. At this time, I feel called to share my education, my advocacy skill and my problem solving skills to support the school system and the community at large on a greater level.
- 2) During my early adult life, I was a teacher's assistant at Hope Valley Elementary School. After graduating law school, I worked as a Legislative Project Manager on Capitol Hill for a member of Congress. Later, I would be a permanent on-site substitute at Immaculata Catholic School. Most recently, I served as the President of the PTA at Pearsontown Elementary School and was a Member-at-Large for the Durham Council of PTAs. I believe that these experiences have prepared me to serve on the School Board.
- 3) I will be able to fulfill the commitment to meet twice a month as well as any additional meetings associated with the regular business of the School Board. I am currently an independent Real Estate Agent and my flexible schedule will allow me to participate as required.



Apryle V. Lawson Daye, J.D., N.C.C.P.

4100 Five Oaks Drive #20, Durham, NC 27707

Certified paralegal with seven (7) years of small business operations experience, four (4) years of Judicial/Law Enforcement experience – including two (2) years of Capitol Hill experience, and over five (5) years of administrative experience

Executive Assistant I

Compliance, Audit and Privacy, UNC Health Care, Chapel Hill, NC (2018–2019)

- Supported four (4) Directors by addressing daily operational and clerical needs
- Edited compliance reports, memos and other related correspondence
- Facilitated scheduling/calendaring, meeting minutes and meeting coordination
- Greeted guests and scheduled interviews
- Answered, responded, and transferred phone calls to relevant parties

Lead Legal Assistant to Daniel T. Blue, Jr.

Aurora Administrative Services, BLUE STEPHENS & FELLERS, LLP, Durham, NC (2014-2016)

- Supervised Legal Assistant in performance of job duties including, but not limited to assigning and monitoring caseloads, collaborating on assignments, documenting performance and reporting to Lead Attorney
- Prepared and drafted legal memorandum including formatting, editing and proofreading complaints, memoranda, briefs, affidavits, and other documents; preparation of documents for filing; filing and e-filing court documents
- Performed research using the Law library, Westlaw and other relevant digital resources
- Maintained and managed client files utilizing legal database management software
- Engaged in written correspondence and verbal communication with clients and third parties on behalf of employer

Office Manager

DayeCo Construction, LLC, Durham, NC (2008-2014)

- Supervised project managers, superintendents and clerical staff
- Performed and prioritized daily operations including but not limited to phone calls, receiving offers to bid, submitting bids, communicating with owners, subcontractors and vendors, organizing and maintaining business records
- Reviewed and negotiated legal and financial terms of contracts
- Processed payroll, Accounts Receivables and Accounts Payable for employees using QuickBooks
- Performed collections on past due accounts

Magistrate

Administrative Office of Courts, Durham County Court, District 14, Durham, NC (2008-2012)

- Determined and set pre-release conditions and bonds for alleged offenders
- Issued warrants and search warrants based upon probable cause determination
- Conducted informal hearings to order or deny involuntary commitments
- Performed marriage ceremonies
- Collected and processed posted bonds for appearance security
- Demonstrated compliance with North Carolina General Statutes

Paralegal

Wolpoff and Abramson, LLP, Rockville, Maryland (2004-2006)

- Negotiated settlement agreements per client guidelines with approximately 85% success
- Acted as client liaison in the creation and facilitation of successful extended repayment plans
- Conducted pre-litigation and pre-arbitration case management
- Conducted compliance assurance in accordance with the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, implemented any new procedures regarding compliance and quality assurance, assisted in training new collectors in compliance
- Received bonuses for exceptional weekly production per firm bonus schedule

Political Appointment

Special Assistant to Commissioner Russell G. Redenbaugh, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, DC (Fall 2002)

- Provided administrative support for the Commissioner
- Monitored and analyzed pending legislation related to and impacting Civil Rights Laws
- Researched and prepared notes and briefings for periodic Commission teleconferences
- Assisted Commissioner in conducting research for pending publications
- Acted as a liaison for Commissioner whose primary office was located in Philadelphia, PA

Legislative Project Manager

United States House of Representatives Conference Office, DC (2001-2002)

- Worked in partnership the White House Offices of Faith and Community Based Initiative and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Initiative
- Successfully mobilized public, private and grassroots organizations which led to the passage of The Community Solutions Act 2001 (H.R. 7) introduced by Chairman Watts, which included weekly conference calls, briefings for congressional staff members, associations and organizations, performed various other duties related to the oversight of education and dissemination of all project-related information and legislation
- Accompanied Congresspersons Watts, Clayton, Jefferson, Lewis and Hoekstra on the Trade Aid Congressional Delegation to West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire and Mali), prepared travel and briefing materials for the delegation, communicated verbally and in writing with members on important issues related to each country
- Reformatted and Organized the Second Annual Congressional Historically Black Colleges and Universities Summit, designed HBCU Initiative (HBCUi) web page once featured on www.gop.gov, and prepared HBCU funding report for FY 2002

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Member, Corresponding Secretary**, Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, 1991-present
- **Charter Member, Corresponding Secretary**, Greater Chapel Hill Chapter, Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, 2022-present

- **Member-At-Large**, Durham Council of PTAs, 2018-2019
- **President**, Pearisontown Elementary School PTA 2017-2018

DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

- **Juris Doctor**, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, 1998 (Moot Court)
- **Bachelor of Arts**, Political Science, North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina, 1991
- **North Carolina State Bar Certified Paralegal**, Certificate Number CP07279
- **North Carolina Notary Public (Remote Notary Certification)**, Commission Expires August 20, 2025

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February 27, 2023

Nicole Smith
Durham Public Schools
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Nicole.smith@dpsnc.net

Dear Ms. Smith,

When I first learned that Ms. Apryle Daye was considering applying for the District 3 vacancy for Durham Public Schools Board of Education, I thought about her dedication and willingness to assist with tasks that are presented to her. Joining the School Board is a no brainer for her.

In my time working with Apryle as a REALTOR®, I have seen many facets of why she is an excellent person to have on your team. Apryle is someone who is not afraid to speak up and to ask for what she believes is important. Her inclination to provide support when she sees an issue is very natural to her. In my collaborative efforts with her, she has brought forth fresh ideas and has not been afraid of doing the work. I have also seen her ability to patiently strategize. She is diligent and discerning in her execution. If she can do these things as a colleague, I have no doubt that she will transfer these same skills and character traits into her role on the School Board, similar to how she contributes in her kids' education and extracurricular activities.

I am of the belief that having Apryle Daye as a Member of District 3 will prove to be an invaluable decision. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Best regards,



Aliece L. Inman, JD
Broker/REALTOR®

Jeanna McCullers
Jeanna.mccullers@gmail.com

February 27, 2023

Nicole Smith
Durham Public Schools
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Nicole.smith@dpsnc.net

Dear Ms. Smith,

This letter comes to express my support for Ms. Apryle Daye as she states her interest in applying for the District 3 vacancy for Durham Public Schools Board of Education.

Apryle and I became associates after meeting at an open house for our children at Rogers-Herr Middle School. She immediately struck me as a person concerned and ready to help others navigate difficult situations. She has a kind heart and an undying willingness to support as well as educate others.

Apryle Daye will make an excellent Member of District 3. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Best regards,

/s/ Jeanna McCullers
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