

BETH BURNS

Public Servant | Elected Leader | Federal Government & Engineering Professional

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pender County resident with deep local roots, experienced public servant with over eight years of elected service on the Pender County Board of Education, including service as Board Chair. Proven record of leadership in public policy, fiscal oversight, and collaborative governance focused on transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

Brings extensive federal government experience with the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, supporting engineering and technical operations in complex, highly regulated environments. Combines this experience with a strong foundation in Mechanical Engineering Technology and Computer-Aided Drafting and Design.

Registered Republican since 1984 with a longstanding commitment to conservative principles and community service.

PUBLIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Pender County Board of Education (2018–Present)

Board Member & Former Vice Chair and Chair

- Elected to represent Pender County citizens in public education governance
- Served as Board Chair and Vice Chair, providing leadership in policy and decision-making
- Oversaw school system budgets, expenditures, contracts, and strategic initiatives
- Collaborated with administrators, educators, parents, and community
- Advocated for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and student-centered outcomes

Autism Society of North Carolina – Pender County Chapter (2011–2018)

Chapter Leader

- Led local advocacy and support initiatives for individuals with autism and families
- Connected families with services and community resources

- Promoted awareness and inclusion across Pender County

Trillium Health Resources (2015–2018)

Consumer/Family Advisory & Innovations Waiver Stakeholder Member

- Represented family and consumer perspectives in behavioral health and disability services
- Contributed to discussions on service delivery and system improvements

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Defense

Engineering & Technical Roles

- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (NC)

Engineering Draftsman- Electrical

- Naval Air Station New Orleans (LA)

Engineering Technician- CADD and Utilities

- Engineering Field Activity Mediterranean (Naples, Italy)

Multi-discipline Engineering Technician- CADD Management

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Norfolk District (VA)

Engineering Technician- Mechanical and Electrical and CADD Management

EDUCATION

Cape Fear Technical Institute

Associates in Applied Science – Mechanical Engineering Technology & CADD (1986)

Pender High School – Diploma (1984)

POLITICAL AFFILIATION

Registered Republican since 1984

CORE STRENGTHS

- Elected Leadership & Public Governance
- Fiscal Oversight & Budget Accountability
- Policy Development & Implementation
- Federal Government Operations
- Engineering Technical Experience
- Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration
- Community Advocacy & Service
- Transparency & Responsible Government

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Dedicated to strengthening Pender County through public service, responsible leadership, and community engagement. Committed to ensuring effective, transparent, and accountable government that serves the best interests of citizens.