

Appointments 9/13/2022 BOC meeting

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - 1 Appt for Chair (September 13, 2022 - December 31, 2026)						
NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	OWNER OF BUSINESS?	SERVE ON ANOTHER COMMITTEE?	COMMENTS
Steven Todd Strickland	1061 Arborwood Ridge	Director of Partnerships at Ericsson	BBA - Oglethorpe University; Master of Science in Management from GA Tech; Master in Law from UGA	No	Yes - Tourism	My passion for community service, attributes (including ethics) and process knowledge would make a strong fit for the demands and requirements necessary to be an effective Board of Elections chairman. Previously on Planning Commission; OC Republican Party Chair, Government Relations Taskforce, FCC Taskforce.
Kirk Shook	1210 Fernwood Dr	Executive Director - Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission	Doctorate of Education - UGA; Masters of Public Admin - UGA; Bachelors of Science - UGA; Associates of Science - Young Harris	Wife owns Milk glass & Cake, LLC	No	Currently on Board of Elections (2020-present), wishes to maintain consistency and ensure elections are fair, honest and well run. His current knowledge of the office, people and processes uniquely qualify him to serve in the capacity of chair. I have experience running a state agency and ensuring goals are met from an operational standpoint. Previously on Transportation Task Force and Land Use and Transportation Planning Board.
John Thomas "Jay" Hanley III	182 VFW Drive	Office Manager and Funeral Services Assistant	2002 OCHS graduate; attended Gainesville State College	No	No	Current Vice Chair of the Board of Elections, having served many years. Continuity is important on a board, especially on the Board of Elections during an election year. Serving as Vice Chair has prepared me for this role. Our current board works well together and with the elections office staff and poll workers. Free and fair elections are essential and expected. I will strive to ensure Oconee County upholds its stellar reputation in the conduct of its elections.
Mary P. Burke	63 Jackson Street	RN	Masters in Nursing & Healthcare administration	No	No	Country's future, transparency

Eric C. Crawford	1540 Elder Road	Attorney	Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Sociology (2001, UGA); Juris Doctor with honors (2005, UGA)	Yes	No	From 2005 to 2010 I was an assistant district attorney for Walton County. From 2019 to 2021 I was the chair of the Jackson County Board of Elections and Registration. Having previously been the chair of an elections board, I believe I have the experience and temperament to get the job done well. Not only was I the elections board chair through Jackson County's transition from a 3 person non-partisan board to a 5 person partisan board, but also during the 2020 election, recounts, etc. I understand the stress of the job, but I also understand the gratification that comes from doing the job well. The bottom line is that I became an Oconee resident about 9 months ago following my divorce, and I've been looking for ways to get involved in the county. When I saw this position, I knew it was a fit.
Jonathan Kirkpatrick	1020 Christian Ter	Retired - US Dept of State Foreign Service	BS - Psychology - UGA - 1991; Grad Cert in Information Mgmt - Marymount Univ, Virginia -1994; Master of Science - Information Systems - American Sentinel Univ - Colorado - 2011	No	No	Currently on Library Advisory Board as City of Watkinsville rep, Vice Chairman of the Harris Shoals Park Advisory Committee, member of Transportation Advisory Committee. I'm a U.S. Department of State Foreign Service veteran looking for an opportunity to apply my skills in new ways, and I'd love to bring my expertise and enthusiasm to the Board of Elections & Registration as the Chair. Having spent 18 years overseas working with embassy executive staff, public institutions, locally employed staff, local vendors, and elected officials, I will bring years of diplomatic skills to the position, ensuring the selection, appointment, and training of poll workers will be fair and objective.
Shami C. Jones	1120 Colorado Bend	Homemaker	Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Minors in Phycology and Sociology from App State 1995	No	no	Employed as a Probation Officer with the State of North Carolina from 1996 through 2000. I have a passion for the Constitution and the Elections process. I welcome the opportunity to work with the other board members to ensure that our Board of Elections continues to set the highest standards in elections operations and integrity.

Victoria Cruz	1151 Lake Welbrook Dr	Retired Physician	BA Biology - Cornell University; Doctor of Medicine - Univ of Philippines; Residency at University Hospital in NY and Vanderbilt Hospital; Fellowship Training in Blood Banking	No	No	In all the years that I have been a registered voter, I have never perceived such dramatic and devastating political division in our country. Citizens are increasingly distrustful of the election process, and as a result are beginning to distrust their elected officials. I to bring increased transparency to the election process in Oconee County, through regular open meetings where citizens' questions and concerns can be addressed. I would also like to see the Board and the Elections Department collaborate on community education efforts. While I would have loved the opportunity to work with Rebecca Anglin, I would relish the opportunity to work with Sharon Gregg as she assumes her duties as the new Director of Elections.
Courtney Davis	1031 Christian Terrace	Attorney	BA Sociology - UGA; Masters of Pubic Administration - UGA; JD - UGA	No	Yes	I have considerable experience administering federal and state grants, as I previously served as the Executive Director of the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. I also have a Masters degree in Public Administration, which was largely focused on local and state government operations. There is nothing more fundamental to a democracy than free and fair elections. I am very familiar with the operations of the Board of Elections and Registration and believe that the staff performs their duties in a manner that truly upholds these democratic ideals -- that help us to realize the democracy that our Constitution imagined. I do not want to see their important work undermined by a Board of Elections that is hyper-partisan and serves any other mission than the preservation of democracy for the citizens of Oconee County. I believe that I can successfully serve to fulfill the mission of the BOER.