



Michael Johnson

Higher Education Representative

Michael Johnson joined the Columbia International University faculty in 2022 as the College of Education dean. From 2016 to 2022, he served as Alaska's Commissioner of Education.



Karen Jenkins

Business Representative

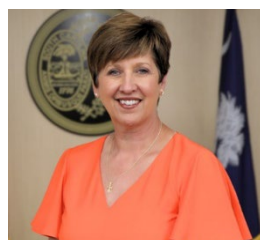
Karen Jenkins is the current Board Chair of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and an Executive Committee member on the board of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. She is also the President and CEO of KRJ Consulting.



Sylvia Williams

School Representative

Sylvia Williams is the principal of Dover Elementary School in Orangeburg County School District.



Tammie Shore

State Board of Education Member

Tammie Shore is the Eleventh Judicial Circuit representative to the South Carolina State Board of Education. She retired in 2021 after 31 years in education, during which time she served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.



Eric Freeman

Civic Representative

Bishop Eric Freeman is a Christian cleric and episcopal servant in the Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries. He is the pastor and founder of The Meeting Place Church of Greater Columbia.



Patty Tate

Former State Teacher of the Year

Patty Tate, a classroom teacher for 33 years, was the 2012 South Carolina State Teacher of the Year. She has served on the Education Oversight Committee as the Senate Education Committee Chairman's education appointee since 2013.