

BIO FOR Valerie P. Foushee

Valerie Foushee is a life-long resident of Chapel Hill and a 1974 graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC where she received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and African and Afro-American Studies. She is also a 2005 Leadership Triangle Goodman Fellow.

She is married to Stan Foushee, retired Fire Marshall for the Town of Carrboro and a Deacon at First Baptist Church. They have two sons: Stanley II and Terrence.

Valerie retired from the Chapel Hill Police Department after 21 years of service. There she supervised two units and administered an \$11 million budget.

She was elected to the Board of Education for the Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools in 1997 and re-elected to a second term in 2001. She served as Chair from 2001-2003. In November 2004, Valerie was one of eight School Board members selected to the All State School Board by the North Carolina School Boards Association. In November of 2004 she became the first African-American female elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners. She was re-elected in November of 2008 and served as Chair from 2008 - 2010.

She is a member of the following:

Board of Trustees, Durham Technical Community College
President, NC Association of Black County Officials
UNC Board of Visitors
NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Board of Directors
Chair, NCACC Healthy Living Task Force
NAACP (Chapel Hill-Carrboro Branch)
Orange County Social Services, Board of Directors
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
Board of Directors, Boys and Girls Club of Eastern Piedmont

Other community involvement includes:

Member of First Baptist Church, Past Church School Superintendent
First Baptist Church Trustee Board and Board of Deaconesses
Gospel Choir
Randolph Chapter #185 Order of the Eastern Star