

2023–2024
South Carolina
House of Representatives



FRESHMAN MEMBERS

Freshman House Members



2023-2024

2023–2024 NEW REPRESENTATIVES (27)

2 Democrats, 25 Republicans

Heather Bauer [D] Dist. 75,
Richland Co.
P.O. Box 7714
Columbia, SC 29202

Replaced Kirkman Finlay [R]

Thomas Beach [R] Dist. 10,
Anderson, Greenville & Pickens Cos.
P.O. Box 801
Piedmont, SC 29673

Replaced Westley P. “West” Cox [R]

Gary S. Brewer, Jr. [R] Dist. 114,
Charleston & Dorchester Cos.
2329 S. Lander Lane
Charleston, SC 29414

Replaced Linda C. “Lin” Bennett [R]

Donald G. “Don” Chapman [R] Dist. 8,
Anderson Co.
341 Maret Road
Townville, SC 29689

Replaced Jonathon D. Hill [R]

J. Benjamin “Ben” Connell [R] Dist. 52,
Kershaw Co.
1630 Porter Cross Road
Lugoff, SC 29078

Replaced Victor M. “Vic” Dabney [R]

Brandon L. Cox [R] Dist. 92,
Berkeley Co.
2075 Thompson Avenue, Suite 100
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Replaced Joseph S. Daning [R]

April Cromer [R] Dist. 6,
Anderson Co.
P.O. Box 1535
Anderson, SC 29621

Replaced W. Brian White [R]

Daniel Gibson [R] Dist. 12,
Greenwood & Laurens Cos.
2607 Highway 221 South
Greenwood, SC 29646

Replaced J. Anne Parks [D]

Thomas Duval “Val” Guest, Jr. [R] Dist. 106,
Horry Co.
2169 N. Berwick Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29575

Replaced Russell Fry [R]

Brandon Guffey [R] Dist. 48,
York Co.
P.O. Box 37561
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Replaced Bruce M. Bryant [R]

William Winston “Bill” Hager [R] Dist. 122,
Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton & Jasper Cos.
301 Helen Street
Hampton, SC 29924

Replaced Shedron D. Williams [D]

Robert J. “Rob” Harris [R] Dist. 36,
Spartanburg Co.
208 Green Road
Wellford, SC 29385

Replaced Merita Ann “Rita” Allison [R]

Thomas F. “Tom” Hartnett, Jr. [R] Dist. 110,
Charleston Co.
822 O’Sullivan Drive
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Replaced William S. Cogswell, Jr. [R]

Wendell K. Jones [D] Dist. 25,
Greenville Co.
P.O. Box 3614
Greenville, SC 29608

Replaced Leola C. Robinson [D]

John Gregory “Jay” Kilmartin [R] Dist. 85,
Lexington Co.
136 Press Lindler Road
Columbia, SC 29212

Replaced Chip Huggins [R]

Kathy Landing [R] Dist. 80,
Charleston Co.
2114 Sewee Indian Court
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

Redistrict Jermaine L. Johnson, Sr. [D]

M. Brian Lawson [R] Dist. 30,
Cherokee & Spartanburg Cos.
P.O. Box 189
Chesnee, SC 29323

Replaced V. Stephen “Steve” Moss [R]

Matthew W. “Matt” Leber [R] Dist. 116,
Charleston & Colleton Cos.
3805 Marshfield Road
Johns Island, SC 29445

Replaced Chardale R. Murray [D]

Cody T. Mitchell [R] Dist. 65,
Chesterfield, Darlington, Kershaw & Lancaster Cos.
P.O. Drawer 1408
Hartsville, SC 29550

Replaced James H. “Jay” Lucas [R]

James M. “Mike” Neese [R] Dist. 44,
Lancaster Co.
303 Straightaway Lane
Indian Land, SC 29707

Replaced Sandy N. McGarry [R]

David L. O’Neal [R] Dist. 66,
York Co.
7101 Anchorage Lane
Tega Cay, SC 29708

Redistrict Gilda Cobb-Hunter [D]

Jordan S. Pace [R] Dist. 117,
Berkeley Co.
P.O. Box 1814
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Replaced Krystle N. Matthews [D]

Fawn M. Pedalino [R] Dist. 64,
Clarendon & Sumter Cos.
1463 Diles Bay Road
Turbeville, SC 29162

Replaced Kimberly O. Johnson [D]

Carla Schuessler [R] Dist. 61,
Horry Co.
1229 38th Avenue North PMB 392
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Redistrict Roger K. Kirby [D]

Heath Sessions [R] Dist. 46,
York Co.
312 Pendleton Street
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Replaced J. Gary Simrill [R]

David Vaughan [R] Dist. 27,
Greenville Co.
P.O. Box 80008
Simpsonville, SC 29680

Replaced Garry R. Smith [R]

Joseph S. “Joe” White [R] Dist. 40,
Lexington & Newberry Cos.
501 Hamms Landing Road
Prosperity, SC 29127

Replaced Richard “Rick” Martin, Jr. [R]

BAUER, Heather [D]—(Dist. No. 75, *Richland* Co.)—Businesswoman; residing in Columbia; *b.* June 16, 1984; *g.* Indiana Univ. of PA, B.S.; Univ. of S.C., M.A.; Co-owner, Warrior Fitness; VP, The Nickelodeon Theatre Bd.; Bd. mem., City of Columbia Food Policy Com.



BEACH, Thomas E. [R]—(Dist. No. 10, *Anderson-Pickens-Greenville* Cos.)—Real Estate Agent; residing in Piedmont; *b.* Dec. 3, 1974, in Delta, CO; *s.* Don and Maria Beach; *g.* Univ. of N. Alabama, B.A., 2013; Dec. 20, 2006, *m.* Glair DaSilva, 3 children, Sophia, Rio, and Miguel; Med. Office Mgr., 2007–09; Natl. Field Dir., Tea Party Express, 2012; Dist. Exec., Boy Scouts of America, 2015–17; Provider Enrollment Analyst, 2017–19; Real Estate Agent, 2020–; mem.: Freedom Caucus, 2022–, Family Caucus, 2022–; mil. serv.: USA, 1994–98.



BREWER, Gary S., Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 114, *Charleston-Dorchester* Cos.)—VP, Construction Servs. at HDR Engineering of S.C.; residing in West Ashley; *b.* in Summerville; attended The Citadel; *m.* Kelsi Childress; Bd. mem.: The ARK of S.C., The Dorchester Children's Center; S.C. Port Ambassador, 2016; A Steady Hand, Co-Founding Putting for Parkinson's; Trident Tech Bd. of Trustees; OMAR Shriner; Liberty Fellow Class of 2023.



CHAPMAN, Donald G. “Don” [R]—(Dist. No. 8, *Anderson Co.*)—Architect & Builder; residing at 314 Maret Rd., Townville; *b.* Jan. 1, 1966, in Yokosuka, Japan; *s.* William M., Jr. and Lorraine Chapman; *g.* Savannah Coll. of Art & Design, B.A., M.A., 1989; 1995 *m.* Amy E.; *mem.*: Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, 1996–; Anderson City Council, 2008–21, Anderson Area Transportation Study, 2008–21; Leadership Anderson Class XVIII, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2002; *Pres.*, Anderson Co. Arts Center, 2003–04; Amer. Inst. of Architects, 2005–; *Bd. mem.*: Home Builders Assn. of Anderson, 2005–, *Pres.*, 2008, 2014, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2011–16; Builder of the Year, Home Builders Assn. of Anderson, 2014; Small Business of the Year, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2018.



CONNELL, J. Benjamin “Ben” [R]—(Dist. No. 52, *Kershaw Co.*)—Atty., Connell Law Firm, LLC; residing at 1630 Porter Cross Rd., Lugoff; *b.* Feb. 20, 1982, in Camden; *s.* Joseph and Kerry Connell; *g.* Univ. of N.C.-Chapel Hill, B.S., 2007, J.D., 2010; May 22, 2004, *m.* Kristin Long, 3 children, Annabelle, Alexis, and Bennett; Kershaw Co. Council, 2016–22.



COX, Brandon L. [R]—(Dist. No. 92, *Berkeley Co.*)—*Pres./CEO* Threat Management Group; residing in Berkeley Co.; *b.* Dec. 14, 1974, in Fayetteville, NC; *s.* Dale Cox and Sandra Brown; *g.* U.S. Naval School Explosive Ordinance Disposal, 1996, U.S. Army Air Assault School, 1999, U.S. Navy Dive School, 2001; Apr. 10, 2009, *m.* Hannah J., 3 children, Doug, Ashley, and Nathan; Goose Creek City Council, 2016–18; Berkeley Co. Council Dist. 5, 2019–22; *mil. serv.*: Active and Reserve USAF, 1996–12.



CROMER, April [R]—(Dist. No. 6, *Anderson Co.*)—Internal Operations Auditor, Cromer Food Servs., Inc.; residing at 111 Parkside Dr., Anderson; *b.* Aug. 28, 1978, in Anderson; 1999 *m.* Brent Cromer, 2 children.



GIBSON, N. Daniel [R]—(Dist. No. 12, *Greenwood-McCormick Cos.*)—Commercial Pilot; residing in Greenwood; *b.* in Anderson; *g.* Forrest College, A.S., 1975; Commercial Pilot Ratings: Instrument, Twin, CFI (Certified Flight Instructor), and Remote Pilot.



GUEST, Thomas Duval, Jr. “Val” [R]—(Dist. No. 106, *Horry Co.*)—Atty. & Law Partner, Ouverson, Guest & Carter, PA; residing at 2169 N. Berwick Dr., Myrtle Beach; *b.* Apr. 7, 1960, in Greenville; *s.* Thomas and Gwendolyn Hodge Guest; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; Oct. 3, 1992, *m.* Jeanne Nystrom, 2 children, Annamarie Haines Guest Cromer and Mary Duval Guest; graduate of Leadership Grand Strand; past Pres., Horry Co. Bar; past Pres., Surfside Rotary Club; Family Court and Circuit Court Mediator; Lifetime mem., The Citadel Alumni Assn.; mem., Belin Memorial United Methodist Church.



GUFFEY, Brandon [R]—(Dist. No. 48, *York Co.*)—Entrepreneur; residing at 2671 Cam-elot Dr., Rock Hill; *b.* Jan. 29, 1980, in York; *s.* Timothy and Angela Thomas; attended York Tech. Coll., Clemson Univ.; Aug. 9, 2003, *m.* Melissa Glosson, 3 children, Gavin, Coen, and Callahan; York Co. Council Dist. 6 Rep., 2020–22.



HAGER, William Winston “Bill” [R]—(Dist. No. 122, Beaufort-Colleton-*Hampton-Jasper Cos.*)— Retired Engineer; residing at 301 Helen St., Hampton; *b.* Feb. 7, 1960, in Charlotte, NC; *s.* Roland and Charlene Hager; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1984; Apr. 13, 1985, *m.* Elizabeth Jolly; Pres., Beaufort Exchange Club, 1988–89; Chm., Hampton Co. Econ. Dev. Comm., 2015–21; Deacon, Sea Island Presbyterian Church, 1990–93; Deacon, Hampton First Baptist Church; Deacon, Varnville First Baptist Church.



HARRIS, Robert J. “Rob” [R]—(Dist. No. 36, *Spartanburg Co.*)—residing in Wellford; *b.* June 2, 1965; *m.* Janice Harris.



HARTNETT, Thomas Forbes, Jr. “Tom” [R]—(Dist. No. 110, *Charleston Co.*)—Certified Gen. Real Estate Appraiser; residing at 822 O’Sullivan Dr., Mt. Pleasant; *b.* Feb. 11, 1971, in Charleston; *s.* Tommy and Bonnie Hartnett; *g.* Coll. of Charleston, B.A., 2009; *m.* Alison Dillon, 3 children, Thomas, Rhett, and Nicholas; Bd. mem., Mt. Pleasant Cottillion; Logan Janik Memorial Lacrosse Tournament; former Bd. mem., Wakeup Carolina; mem., Hibernian Society; mem., Christ Anglican Church.



JONES, Wendell Keith [D]—(Dist. No. 25, *Greenville Co.*)—Pastor & Bus. Owner; residing in Piedmont; *b.* Mar. 12, 1971, in Spartanburg; *s.* Robert Green and Mae Jones; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1993; 3 children, Aaliyah, Wendell II, and Benjamin; Univ. of N.C.-Chapel Hill Exec. Leadership Prog., 2000; Liberty Fellowship, 2009; Kauffman Foundation, Certification in Entrepreneurial Training, 2014; Wendell Jones Leadership Inst., 2014; Order of the Silver Crescent, 2021.



KILMARTIN, John Gregory “Jay” [R]—(Dist. No. 85, *Lexington Co.*)—Owner, The Melting Pot Restaurant & The Cigar Militia; residing at 136 Press Lindler Rd., Columbia; *b.* Aug. 2, 1965, in Florida; *s.* Jack Kilmartin and Bette M. Baxter; *g.* Univ. of S. FL, B.A., 1996; Jan. 18, 1997, *m.* Elizabeth Jones, 2 children, Ian and Rhys.



LANDING, Kathy [R]—(Dist. No. 80, *Charleston Co.*)—Fin. Advisor; residing at 2114 Sewee Indian Court, Mt. Pleasant; *b.* Jan. 15, 1963, in New Orleans, LA; *d.* Eugene L., Sr. & Doris R. DuBeau; *g.* Duke Univ., B.S., 1983; Coll. for Fin. Planning, M.S., 2005; May 12, 1984, *m.* Joseph M. Landing, Sr., 2 children, Kristie and Joseph, Jr.; mem., Mt. Pleasant Town Council, 2017–21, Chm., Econ. Dev.; Bd. of Govs., Operation Smile Carolinas Chapter, 1998–, Chm. for 8 yrs.; Sr. VP, Investments, Raymond James, 2008–.



LAWSON, M. Brian [R]—(Dist. No. 30, *Cherokee-Spartanburg Cos.*)—Dir. of Operations, American TransMed, Inc.; residing in Chesnee.; *b.* Apr. 5, 1973, in Spartanburg; *s.* the late James Marvin and Lynn Blanchard Lawson; attended Spartanburg Comm. Coll.; *g.* Columbia Southern Univ., A.S., 2022; Sept. 18, 2004, *m.* Karen Hames, 2 children, Kalyn and Brayden; Bd. of Dirs., Cherokee Co. First Steps, 2008–14; Pres., S.C. Ambulance Providers Assn., 2014–16; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. EMS Assn., 2016–20; Bd. of Dirs. & VP, Chesnee Comm. Youth Athletic Assn.; past Deacon, Arrowwood Baptist Church.



LEBER, Matthew W. “Matt” [R]—(Dist. No. 116, *Charleston-Colleton Cos.*)—Retired; residing at 3805 Marshfield Rd., Johns Island; *b.* Apr. 5, 1973, in Washington, NC; *s.* James and Susan; *g.* Mitchell Comm. Coll., A.S., 2003, attended Univ. of Maryland; Sept. 23, 2010, *m.* S. Michele, 3 children, Savannah, Lucas, and Kensington; GS-11 Employee, Top Secret Clearance Fed. Govt., 2003–12; mem.: Veteran of Foreign Wars, 2013–, Charleston Rifle Club, 2021, Amer. Legion, Hollywood, SC, Post 145, 2022–, Red Truck Men’s Prayer Group, 2022; past Chm., Select Com. Greater Lowcountry Repub. Club, 2022; mil. serv.: USA 1991–98; USA Parachutist School, 1991; Deployed to Bosnia IFOR, 1996; Chm., Freshman Caucus, 2022–; attends Adam’s Run Baptist Church.



MITCHELL, Cody T. [R]—(Dist. No. 65, Chesterfield-*Darlington*-Kershaw-Lancaster Cos.)—Atty. & Businessman; residing in Bethune; *b.* June 11, 1986, in Greenville, TN; *s.* the late T.W. and Sandy T. Brown, Jerry A. and Patricia H. Mitchell; *g.* Presbyterian Coll., B.A., 2008; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2011; Oct. 24, 2015, *m.* Amanda Kathryn; Partner, Lucas, White & Mitchell, 2011–; Municipal Judge: Town of Bethune, 2013–21, City of Hartsville, 2015–21, Towns of McBee, Jefferson, and Bishopville, 2020–21; Bd. mem.: Sandhills Med. Foundation, Trent Hill Center for Children & Families; Lynchwood Lodge No. 197; former Pres., Bethune Lions Club; Hartsville Rotary Club; Hartsville Kiwanis Club; mem., Harmony Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USA, 2008–12; USAR, 2012–18; SCARNG, 2018–.



NEESE, J. Michael “Mike” [R]—(Dist. No. 44, *Lancaster* Co.)—Pres. & CEO, Greater Indian Land Chamber of Commerce; residing at 303 Straightaway Lane, Indian Land; *b.* Oct. 22, 1969, in Virginia; *s.* Jimmie M. and Greeta I. Neese; *g.* Appalachian State Univ., B.S. & B.A.; Apr. 15, 1995, *m.* Christine L., 2 children, Della G. and Clara M.; Eagle Scout; past Pres., Indian Land Rotary; Greater Indian Land Chamber of Commerce; Lancaster Co. 2040 Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Com.



O’NEAL, David L. [R]—(Dist. No. 66, *York* Co.)—Retired; residing at 7101 Anchorage Lane, Tega Cay; *b.* Sept. 17, 1957, in Lake Charles, LA; *s.* the late Clarence and Marie Mariani O’Neal; *g.* Texas Christian Univ., B.A., 1982; Winthrop Univ., B.A., 2012, M.A., 2013; Sept. 24, 2001, *m.* Linda Ann; Mayor & Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Tega Cay, 2016–21; Dist. Dir., S.C. 5th Congressional Dist., 2017–22; mil. serv.: Lt. Col. (RET), USA, 1985–05.



PACE, Jordan Scott [R]—(Dist. No. 117, *Berkeley Co.*)—Commercial Real Estate; residing in Berkeley Co.; *b.* 1989 in Spartanburg; *s.* Tony and Vonda Pace; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.A., 2011; *m.* Mary E., 1 child, Caroline; Student Council Pres., Charleston Southern Univ., 2009–11; Interim Football Coach, Koç Rams, Istanbul, Turkey, 2010; Christian Life & Pub. Policy Com., S.C. Baptist Convention, 2014–16; Charleston Southern Univ. Alumni Assn. Bd., 2016–17, 2019–22.



PEDALINO, Fawn M. [R]—(Dist. No. 64, *Clarendon-Sumter Cos.*)—CFO, Southeastern Technology & Realtor; residing at 1463 Diles Bay Rd., Turbeville; *b.* May 12, 1987, in Charleston; *d.* Timothy Russell and Kimberly Roumillat; attended Trident Tech. Coll.; May 13, 2011, *m.* Joseph Jason Pedalino, 2 children, Selah and Rumer; EMS Ice Award, 2011; mem.: Sumter Bd. of Realtors, Natl. Assn. of Realtors.



SCHUESSLER, Carla M. [R]—(Dist. No. 61, *Horry Co.*)—COO, Complete Legal Defense Team; residing in Horry Co.; *b.* Sept. 18, 1972, in Ft. Wayne, IN; *d.* the late Carl W. Weaver and Elizabeth C. Kuchar; *g.* Illinois St. Univ., B.S., 1996; 2 children, Jack R. and Nathan R.; Leadership Grand Strand, 2009; Leadership Grand Strand Bd. of Regents, 2009–12; Exec. Dir. of Habitat for Humanity of Horry Co., 2014–20; Grand Strand Housing and Comm. Dev. Corp., Bd. of Dirs., 2015–19; Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Bd. of Dirs., 2015–19, 2022, Bd. Chm., 2018; Recipient of Ann DeBock Leadership Award, 2016; S.C. Assn. of Habitat Affiliates Bd. of Dirs., 2018–20, Bd. Pres., 2019–20; Myrtle Beach Work Force Housing Task Force, Chm., 2019; Grand Strand Water & Sewer Citizens Adv. Com., 2021–22; mem., Wellspring Church; Wellspring Youth Group Leader 2016–.



SESSIONS, Heath [R]—(Dist. No. 46, *York Co.*)—VP, Construction; residing at 854 Myrtle Dr., Rock Hill; *b.* Nov. 24, 1976, in Spartanburg; *s.* Adam Hernandez and Vickie Sessions; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2004; Oct. 9, 2004, *m.* Kristin, 3 children, Emma, Ben, and Asher; Historic Rock Hill Bd., 2021–; Camp Canaan Bd., 2022; Winthrop Stakeholder Bd., 2022; Deacon, Oakland Baptist Church, 2019–20, Personnel Chm., 2020, 2022.



VAUGHAN, David [R]—(Dist. No. 27, *Greenville Co.*)—Gen. Contractor & Businessman; residing in Simpsonville; *b.* Jan. 21, 1965, in Greenville; *s.* Marion and Sara Vaughan; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1987; Aug. 19, 1989, *m.* Celeste Martin, 3 children, Miranda, Trevor, and Marlee; Bus. Owner, 1996–; Gen. Contractor, 1998–; Greenville Legis. Delegation Transp. Com., 2018–22; mem., Brookwood Church, 2010–.



WHITE, Joseph S. “Joe” [R]—(Dist. No. 40, *Newberry & Lexington Cos.*)—Ret. Businessman; residing at 501 Hamms Landing Rd., Prosperity; *b.* Dec. 13, 1945, in Rockwood, TN; *s.* Joseph and Taylor White; *g.* Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville; Feb. 23, 1968, *m.* Linda Friel, 2 children, Christopher and Robin; CEO, Med. Comfort Systems, Inc., 1982–17; mil. serv.: USAF, 1966–69.



