



North Carolina Notice of Candidacy

G.S. 163-106

Election information

Title of the office sought FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE
1 District or ward (if applicable) _____ Seat (judicial contest) _____
Election Primary _____ Election date (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/03/2026

Candidate information

You must provide your full
legal name in this section.
This information will be public.

Last name WATTS Suffix (Jr, Sr., II, III, IV) JR
First name RICHARD Middle name KARL
2 Name to appear on ballot Richard Watts
Campaign phone number (336) 727-2292 Campaign email RWATTS@WSFCS.K12.NC.US
NC State Bar number (judicial and District Attorney candidates only) _____

Residential address

This information will be public.

Address (not P.O. Box) 5735 BEAVER POND TRL
3 City PFAFFTOWN State NC Zip 27040
County FORSYTH

Mailing address

This information will be public.

☐ Same as above
4 Address or P.O. Box PO BOX 1122
City WINSTON-SALEM State NC Zip 27105

Candidate's pledge

Check 1 box and complete
the pledge that applies to the
office that you are seeking
candidacy for.

☒ I am filing for a partisan contest:

I hereby file notice as a candidate for nomination as FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LAR
in the DEMOCRATIC party primary election to be held on (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/03/2026.
I affiliate with the DEMOCRATIC party (and I certify that I am now registered on the registration
records of the precinct in which I reside as an affiliate of the DEMOCRATIC party).

5 I pledge that I have been affiliated with that party for at least 90 days as of the date of the filing of the notice of
candidacy. I pledge that if I am defeated in the primary, I will not run for the same office as a write-in candidate
in the next general election.

☐ I am filing for a non-partisan contest:

I hereby file notice that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____
(District/Ward) _____ for the governing body of _____
in the regular election to be held on (mm/dd/yyyy) _____.

Felony disclosure

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6 If you have been convicted of a felony, you must complete a **Candidate Felony Disclosure** form within **48 hours** of
submitting this notice (G.S.163-106). The required form can be obtained from any election office or from the NC State
Board of Elections website at www.NCSBE.gov. A prior felony conviction does not preclude you from holding elected
office if your rights of citizenship have been restored or if you are seeking federal office. (Candidates who are running
for Sheriff must have no previous or current felony convictions. If there are any felony convictions, the candidate is
not eligible to file for this office.) Felony conviction need not be disclosed if the conviction was dismissed as a result of
reversal on appeal or resulted in a pardon of innocence or expungement.

Affidavit attesting to nickname

Complete only if you would like an acceptable nickname to appear on the ballot in lieu of your legal name.

Even if your nickname is accepted, your legal last name will still appear on the ballot.

I, _____, have been duly sworn, hereby state under oath that I have been commonly known by the nickname _____ for at least five years and request that my name be placed on the ballot as follows: _____.

In the event that another candidate with the same last name as mine files notice of candidacy for the same office for which I am a candidate, my name should be listed as: _____.

State of North Carolina, _____ County.

I hereby certify that _____, the candidate who signed this Affidavit attesting to nickname, personally appeared before me this day and signed this document in my presence.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____.

Name of notary _____

My commission expires (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Notary, sign here

X

Acknowledgment of notice of candidacy

This section must be completed by a certifying officer or notary.
See G.S. 163-106(a)

Each candidate shall sign the notice of candidacy in the presence of the chairman or secretary of the board of elections, State or county, with which the candidate files. In the alternative, a candidate may have the candidate's signature on the notice of candidacy acknowledged and certified to by an officer authorized to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, in which case the candidate may mail or deliver by commercial courier service the candidate's notice of candidacy to the appropriate board of elections.

State of North Carolina, Forsyth County.

I hereby certify that Richard Watts, the candidate who signed this notice of candidacy, personally appeared before me this day and signed this document in my presence or acknowledged his/her signature to be the same.

8 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of December, 2025.

Name of certifying officer or notary Tricia C. Starkey

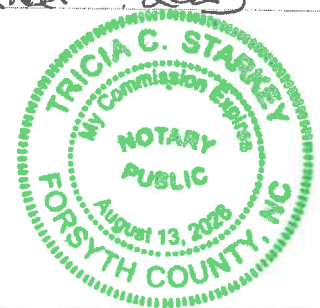
Title of certifying officer Campaign Finance Mgr.

My commission expires (mm/dd/yyyy) Aug. 13, 2028

Certifying or notary, sign here

X

Tricia C. Starkey



County board of elections certification

If you are required to file your notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections, you must have this certificate signed by the chairman of the board of elections or the director of elections of the county.

See G.S. 163-106.5.

I have examined the voter registration records in _____ County,

and found that _____:

- 9 ☐ is a registered voter in this county
- ☐ is registered as _____ (indicate candidate's party affiliation or "unaffiliated", if applicable)
- ☐ will have been affiliated with that party for three months as of the end of the of the filing period
- ☐ (Superior Court or District Court Judge only) is a resident of superior court district _____ or district court district _____.

Title of county official _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Board chair or director of elections, sign here

X

Candidate's certification

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

I swear or affirm that the statements on this form are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge or belief.
Candidate, sign and date here (Required)

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X

Richard K. Watts

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
12/02/2025

Sign and date this section in the presence of the certifying or notary from section 8.
Submit this form to the board of elections in the jurisdiction in which you plan to be a candidate.