



For Your County

**2024 Election
Candidate Questionnaire**

-Catawba County-

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Introduction

Christian Perspective Representatives Inc. is a cooperative group of volunteers from churches who stand in unison for Biblical values and Constitutional rights, support and affirm human dignity, and value all people.

C.P.R., Inc. began in 2021 as a nonpartisan group to circumvent the loss of freedoms of our children, parents, and employees in public schools and institutions throughout our state and nation. Since we believe there is a potential for topics such as sexuality, gender identify, and extreme theories to be taught to our children in harmful and potentially damaging ways, we want to be part of the solution.

C.P.R., Inc. operates strictly on a volunteer basis. No one involved with C.P.R. receives any type of compensation.

C.P.R. does not endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party. This questionnaire is being distributed electronically through our website, mainstream and social media, supporting churches, and other means. We have produced a questionnaire for: (1) McDowell County Board of Education and (2) McDowell County Board of Commissioners.

The purpose of our questionnaire is to inform and educate voters of each candidate's position on a variety of general topics that are relevant to C.P.R.'s mission. As a faith-based organization, the questionnaire was designed to be distributed through Churches where the topics of the questions are of the utmost interest to a Christian voter.

Questionnaire Information

The responses gathered from the questionnaire were provided directly by the candidates themselves. C.P.R. utilized a multiple-choice format for the questions, offering candidates the option to expand on their responses within a 950-character limit. Upholding the questionnaire's integrity, candidate answers are presented verbatim, without any modifications for grammar or spelling. Each candidate was contacted in an attempt to encourage their participation using the contact information obtained from the North Carolina State Board of Elections website.

If a candidate did not submit a response, the publication will indicate "Did Not Respond." In cases where a candidate replied via email, telephone, etc., but opted not to participate, the publication will note "Refused to Respond." The party affiliation of each candidate is listed beside their name: (D) for Democrat, (L) for Libertarian, (R) for Republican, (U) for Unaffiliated.

Board of Education Questionnaire

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. If yes, please explain.
- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 3) Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), do you agree that parents must opt-in with written parental permission? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? School Boards, Teachers, Parents, State Government, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 5) I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 6) I do not believe school choice will improve educational opportunities for children in poor performing school districts? Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 7) I believe a detailed dress code policy should be firmly enforced by the administration, with support from the superintendent at all schools. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 9) I support policies and implementation of the Parents Bill of Rights (SB49). Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 10) As a representative, would you support Critical Race Theory type curriculum being used in the public schools? Support, Do not Support, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.

Board of Commissioners Questionnaire

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. If yes, please explain.
- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death? Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 3) I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? School Boards, Teachers, Parents, State Government, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 5) I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 6) I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 7) As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding? Increase Funding, Decrease Funding, Keep the Same, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 9) I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 10) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.

Catawba County Board of Education

Ronn Abernathy (R)

Did Not Respond

David Goforth (R)

- 1) **Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**
Response: No.
- 2) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**
Response: Yes.
- 3) **Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), do you agree that parents must opt-in with written parental permission?**
Response: Yes.
- 4) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**
Response: Parents.
- 5) **I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff.**
Response: Disagree.
- 6) **I do not believe school choice will improve educational opportunities for children in poor performing school districts?**
Response: Disagree.
- 7) **I believe a detailed dress code policy should be firmly enforced by the administration, with support from the superintendent at all schools.**
Response: Agree.
- 8) **Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**
Response: Disagree.
- 9) **I support policies and implementation of the Parents Bill of Rights (SB49).**
Response: Agree.
- 10) **As a representative, would you support Critical Race Theory type curriculum being used in the public schools?**
Response: Do not support.

Clayton Mullis (R)

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**

Response: No.

- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**

Response: Yes. One thing that separates our country from most other countries in the world is that we celebrate life in America. I believe every life has worth and value. We are all the unique creation of a God that knows and loves us and created us for his own purpose. With that being said, for those of us in the pro-life community we haven't demonstrated enough that we value life at all levels not just life during pregnancy. We must continue to elevate life at all levels.

- 3) Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), do you agree that parents must opt-in with written parental permission?**

Response: Yes. I believe it's best for important topics such as sex education to have parental permission. In today's world we see too many times that certain topics are brought into the sex education conversation. I believe that decision should be made by the parent/guardian.

- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**

Response: Parents. The education of a child is a very important decision to make. I believe the decision should be made between God and the family on how best to educate their child rather than public school, home school, private school or charter school.

- 5) I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff.**

Response: Disagree. Our country is a very diverse country and has been since its birth. From Navajo white talkers that helped break codes during WWII or civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. The diversity of our country is something unique and has paved the way forward for our country. I feel in today's society an ideology agenda is being invoked in our public schools. Our society today has accepted two lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle then you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate.

- 6) I do not believe school choice will improve educational opportunities for children in poor performing school districts?**

Response: Disagree. Parents should have the right to choose how to educate their children. Especially in poor performing districts. The idea of school choice is spreading like wildfire around the country because it's the one education reform that puts real choices and real opportunities in the hands of families who desperately need them.

- 7) I believe a detailed dress code policy should be firmly enforced by the administration, with support from the superintendent at all schools.**

Response: Agree.

- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**

Response: Disagree. The radical left is portraying protective parents as censors who want to ban and burn books even as it seeks to tear down historic monuments, remove the names of presidents from schools, and ban classic literature. The Left America pretends this is because parents are somehow racist or anti-LGBT when actually the difference is quite clear: The left wants to ban things that have value and are part of history by claiming they are offensive, while parents want to keep out pornography and other materials that are inappropriate for children from school libraries. The books the American Library Association (ALA) and the left want children to be able to read and even be forced to read include some of the most graphic and perverse descriptions you can imagine and, as such, the question of censorship is not at play here. There is absolutely no right for children to have access to pornography or books that depict pedophilia.

9) I support policies and implementation of the Parents Bill of Rights (SB49).

Response: Agree.

10) As a representative, would you support Critical Race Theory type curriculum being used in the public schools?

Response: Do not support. In short Critical Race Theory (CRT) teaches hate. It pits one group against another. It stirs up conflict and racisms and it also omits history along the way. The United States is the greatest nation on this Earth we're blessed to live in this great nation. Is our past history of our country perfect? Certainly not. We have to learn from our past to move forward and elevate our country. I want children to truly know the history of this great country from it's birth to the greatest generation of WWII who defeated Nazism. I want to see children truly learning about our country and being proud to be and American and fight to past it on better than they found it.

Annette Young Richards (R)

Did not Respond

Eric Scott (L)

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**

Response: No.

- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**

Response: Yes.

- 3) Before students are taught courses such as Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), do you agree that parents must opt-in with written parental permission?**

Response: Yes. Nothing should be forced onto children without parental consent

- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**

Response: Parents. I believe that parents should have the most say in what is being taught to their children

- 5) I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff.**

Response: Disagree. No qualified person or persons should ever be passed over for any job because of something that only God can control

- 6) I do not believe school choice will improve educational opportunities for children in poor performing school districts?**

Response: Refuse to answer. I do not have a strong opinion on this topic

- 7) I believe a detailed dress code policy should be firmly enforced by the administration, with support from the superintendent at all schools.**

Response: Agree. I believe it is the parents job to make sure their children are properly dressed. However I also believe that certain regulations should be in place. A school is no place for a fashion show.

- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**

Response: Disagree. Sexually explicit materials do not belong within reach of children. Children should not be sexualized nor be able to easily obtain explicit materials.

- 9) I support policies and implementation of the Parents Bill of Rights (SB49).**

Response: Agree. Parents should be able to dictate what is best for their children

- 10) As a representative, would you support Critical Race Theory type curriculum being used in the public schools?**

Response: Do not support. CRT is at its core racism and nobody should be subject to that kind of propaganda because the only way we can end racism is to stop teaching it to our children

Jeff Taylor (D)
Did not Respond

April Underwood (R)

- 1) **Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**
Response: No.
- 2) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**
Response: Yes.
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Response: Yes.
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Response: Do not support.

Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Austin Allran (R)

- 1) **Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**
Response: No.
- 2) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**
Response: Agree.
- 3) **I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution.**
Response: Agree.
- 4) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**
Response: Parents.
- 5) **I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff.**
Response: Disagree.
- 6) **I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity.**
Response: Disagree.
- 7) **As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding?**
Response: Increase funding.
- 8) **Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**
Response: Disagree.
- 9) **I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex.**
Response: Disagree.
- 10) **Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county?**
Response: No.

Geno Baker (D)

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**

Response: No.

- 2) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**

Response: Disagree. I believe that the human life begins once heart and organs are formed and are working as a human body. I believe that an unborn fetus deserves protection to the point that it does not endanger the welfare of the mother.

- 3) I support counties having a Pro Life Resolution.**

Response: Agree. A resolution but I will not support an absolute

- 4) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?**

Response: Parents.

- 5) I support county tax dollars and/or grants to pay for Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) training for students and teachers/school staff.**

Response: Agree. Anything that can help with understanding one's bias, overcoming discrimination at any level is important in building a cohesive environment where everyone feels accepted and can reach their highest potential.

- 6) I support implementing Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, or slogans, for any local public entity.**

Response: Agree. Anything that can help with understanding one's bias, overcoming discrimination at any level is important in building a cohesive environment where everyone feels accepted and can reach their highest potential.

- 7) As a representative, how would you handle local law enforcement funding?**

Response: Increase funding. It is of great importance that law enforcement has the tools needed to protect the citizens and our communities. However, there should be checks and balances to ensure that money is allocated to what is needed and not frivolously spending without any added benefit for the citizens.

- 8) Materials/books that are sexually explicit should be accessible to students in classrooms and/or libraries.**

Response: Disagree. Parents are ultimately responsible for what their children are exposed and allowed to view

- 9) I support allowing public school students to participate in athletic competition based on the gender with which they identify instead of biological sex.**

Response: Disagree. Regardless of how someone identifies, physical characteristics and body composition remain attached to their sex. This can cause unnecessary injury or unfair advantage.

- 10) Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county?**

Response: Yes. I am 100% for the second amendment and the right to bear arms. I own guns myself. However, to not provide education and neglect gun safety measures are blatant disregards for human life.

Barbara Gale Beatty (R)

- 1) **Have you ever been convicted of a felony or been penalized in either civil or criminal court for sexual misconduct?**
Response: No.
- 2) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?**
Response: Agree.
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- 10) **Would you support local ordinances that would place restrictions on the 2nd Amendment rights as they are now applied in the county?**
Response: No.

Eric Dunn (R)
Did not Respond

Phyllis Michaux (D)
Did not Respond