

Commissioner Melvin “Skip” Alston

Melvin “Skip” Alston, a Democrat, is serving his fifth term on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners. He was first elected to represent District 8 in 1992 and was most recently re-elected in 2008. He served as the Board of Commissioners’ Vice Chairman in 1999 and was elected again as Vice Chair in 2007. He was the first African American Chairman of the Board in 2003 and was elected to serve as Chairman again for 2009.



Commissioner Alston is a native of Durham, North Carolina where he attended North Carolina Central University with a major in Business Administration. He is currently the founder and President of S & J Management Corporation, as well as Alston and Alston LLC, East Market Street Square Inc. Commissioner Alston is also Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Sit-In Movement Inc.

Commissioner Alston currently serves as the Board of Commissioners’ liaison on the Board of Health, Greensboro Chamber Board of Directors, and the Drug Treatment Court.

He is active in numerous civic and volunteer organizations including the Guilford County Elected Officials Black Caucus, the North Carolina Association of Black Officials, the Greensboro Branch NAACP, the North Carolina State Conference Branches of the NAACP, and the National Board of Trustees for the NAACP. He is also a former member and Chairman of the Greensboro ABC Board. In 2003, he was appointed to serve on the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and is currently serving as Chairman of the Commission. He is a member of St. James Baptist Church where he serves as a Sunday Steward.

Commissioner Alston currently resides in Greensboro with his wife Gwen. He has two sons, DeSean and Ryan.