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Selma & Dallas County 2026 Primary Election Guide

Election Day: **May 19, 2026**



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Foot Soldiers Park is a Selma-based organization working to preserve the civil rights history of Selma, create opportunities for the Black community to heal, learn and build wealth and embolden youth to claim and use their power for change. Alabama Forward is a statewide civic engagement organization committed to building power through nonpartisan civic participation.

This non-partisan guide provides candidate bios and civic information. We do not endorse anyone; we want you to decide which candidates best represent you and your community.

Alabama requires you to select a political party at the polls on the day of the primary in order to vote. Separate party ballots are printed, and you must choose between the ballot running with Democrats running against other Democrats or the ballot with Republicans running against other Republicans. If you prefer not to declare a political preference, you will not be eligible to vote in any political party's primary election. You are, however, still eligible to vote on any proposed constitutional amendments.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last day to **register** to vote: **May 4, 2026**
- Last day to **request** an absentee ballot: **May 12, 2026**
- Last day to **vote absentee** in person: **May 14, 2026**
- Deadline to **return an absentee** ballot: **May 18, 2026**
- Primary Election Day: **May 19, 2026**
- Primary Runoff Election: **June 16, 2026**
- General Election: **November 3, 2026**



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Your Voting Plan

Check your registration status, polling location, and districts using official election resources provided via the QR code for the digital election guide, sources and updates at the end of this document. Then fill out this voting plan. Planning ahead increases the likelihood you'll vote!

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Am I registered at my current address and under my current name?

YES NO

Is my voter registration status "active"?

YES NO

I will use the required photo ID to vote:

YES NO

ABSENTEE VOTING

See official election resources for criteria and instructions.

Do I want to vote absentee?

YES NO

I will vote absentee:

By mail In person (Absentee Election Manager's Office)

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Write your polling location here:

To get to the polls I will:

- Drive my vehicle
- Walk
- Use public transit
- Get a ride with a friend
- Use a rideshare service
- Contact Foot Soldiers Park to schedule a pick up



I will vote:

- In the morning
- At lunchtime
- In the afternoon
- In the evening



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VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Are you a U.S. citizen?

YES NO

Will you be at least 18 years old on Election Day?

YES NO

Do you have a previous conviction you believe disqualifies you?

YES NO

If you're voting for the first time or need to update your information, register to vote ahead of the voter registration deadline.

Register to Vote

Use official election resources to register, update your address, or confirm your registration.

**Email Foot Soldiers Park
Civic Education & Engagement Team:**
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Dallas County Board of Registrars:
(334) 874-2534

The Voting Process

Election processes vary by voting method (in-person or absentee). Follow instructions provided by poll workers and official election offices.

At the polls, you have the right to:

- ✓ Cast your vote if you're in line when the polls close (stay in line).
- ✓ Receive a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- ✓ Vote by provisional ballot if your registration or eligibility is challenged.
- ✓ Vote free from intimidation. Voter intimidation is illegal.
- ✓ Bring materials to help you decide how to vote.
- ✓ Receive assistance and accommodations for a disability.
- ✓ Bring a friend or interpreter to help you vote (per applicable rules).



Voting FAQs

“Who should I vote for?”

We can't answer that question for you, but we can offer tips:

- **Step 1:** Find out what races are on your ballot (districts vary by address).
- **Step 2:** Learn about candidates (read bios, attend forums, review public records).
- **Step 3:** Make note of your picks (bring this guide as reference).

“If I run into problems while voting, who can help?”

Use the hotlines listed in the Helpful Contacts section.

“What disability accommodations may I receive?”

Voters with disabilities have the right to vote in an accessible way and may request assistance and accommodations as allowed by law.

“I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?”

Depending on the conviction, you may still be eligible or may be able to restore voting rights. Consult trustworthy legal aid or official election resources for guidance. Visit www.returnmyvote.org for more information.

How Government Works in Selma & Dallas County

State Legislature

(Alabama State Senate + House)

The Alabama Legislature (Senate + House) creates laws and establishes the state budget (with the Governor's input and possible veto). The Legislature passes bills on public policy, sets state spending, raises/lowers state taxes, and votes on veto overrides. Alabama's Constitution limits “home rule,” so the Legislature can significantly shape what local governments can do.

County Government (Dallas County)

Dallas County services are overseen through county government offices and elected county officials, including the Sheriff, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and Coroner. The county government also supports public facilities and services.

City Government (Selma)

Selma's Mayor and City Council oversee city policy and services for Selma residents. City Council sets policies, passes ordinances, and sets tax levels for municipal government.

How to Get Involved

How to Get Involved with Local Government:

- Attend Selma City Council Meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month). City Council Work Sessions are held the Thursday before council meetings.
- Attend Dallas County School District Board meetings (times and locations vary; recent meetings are commonly listed at 5:30 PM in the Board Archive, <https://www.dallask12.org/board-archive#>).
- Attend community forums and civic events at local institutions (churches, schools, community centers).
- Volunteer with civic education and community engagement efforts.

Get Involved with Foot Soldiers Park!

We work to activate civic participation in Selma through civic education for K-12 youth and adults 18+ and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts.



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Federal Candidates

OFFICE: UNITED STATES SENATOR

Dakarai Larriett (D)

Dakarai Larriett, Democrat, holds a bachelor's in business and economics from UA and a master's from New York University School of Business. He is the owner of a pet care business and worked at Whirlpool, the Bronx Community Pride Center, and in corporate forecasting. He supports raising the federal minimum wage, strengthening unions, requiring businesses that receive tax incentives to commit to hiring local residents, expanding Medicaid, and increasing school funding. He supports community-based policing over increased police funding and gun control measures including universal background checks, raising the minimum age for assault-style weapons to 21, and red flag laws.

Kyle Sweetser (D)

Kyle Sweetser, Democrat, is from Mobile and manages his family's construction business. He supports restoring congressional authority over trade policy, maintaining Affordable Care Act subsidies, and lowering healthcare costs. He opposes policies that limit access to firearms and has expressed concern about the participation of transgender athletes in women's sports. As of March 2026, limited additional issue information was available online.

Everett Wess (D)

Everett Wess, Democrat, lives in Birmingham and holds an associate's in music education from Selma University, a bachelor's in computer science, an MBA from Alabama A&M, and a law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. He is an attorney, managing partner at The Wess Law Firm, and serves as a Midfield Municipal Court judge. He has also worked as a software consultant and adjunct professor. Wess ran for Jefferson County Probate Court and for the Alabama 10th Judicial Circuit on multiple occasions. He supports economic opportunity, fair courts, affordable healthcare in rural and underserved communities, and quality education.

Mark S. Wheeler II (D)

Mark S. Wheeler II, Democrat, is from Heflin and holds a bachelor's in chemistry and emergency management from Jacksonville State University. He works as a chemist and small business owner. He supports universal healthcare coverage, expanding coverage to include vision, dental, and prescription drugs, and strengthening Medicare and Medicaid. He supports raising teacher pay and school funding especially in rural communities, expanding school-based mental health services, making community college free, funding trade programs, and reducing student debt. He also supports term limits for members of Congress and the Supreme Court.

Seth Burton (R)

Seth Burton, Republican, lives in Huntsville and studied international relations at the University of Freiburg, earned a bachelor's in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and holds a master's in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He is attending National Defense University. He served as a nuclear submarine commander in the U.S. Navy for 30 years and works as a business development director at Leidos. He is the founder of Prudentia LLC. He supports reducing federal spending, positioning Alabama as a nuclear energy hub, school vouchers, congressional term limits, and improved VA services.

Dale Shelton Deas Jr. (R)

Dale Shelton Deas Jr., Republican, lives in Birmingham and studied biology at Harvard University, earned a bachelor's in biomedical engineering from Vanderbilt University, and holds a Doctor of Medicine from UAB. He worked as a cardiothoracic surgery fellow and resident at Emory Healthcare and is the founder and chief executive officer of American Truth Defense, LLC. He supports aggressive antitrust enforcement, redirecting agricultural subsidies to smaller farms, eliminating grocery taxes, increasing teacher pay, and expanded energy infrastructure. He opposes abortion access, including in cases of medical emergencies, and gun control.

Jared Hudson (R)

Jared Hudson, Republican, served as a Navy SEAL from 2006 to 2012 and as a sheriff's deputy, and holds a bachelor's in business administration from the University of Phoenix and an MBA from Liberty

University. He is the founder of Covenant Rescue Group, a nonprofit dedicated to combating human trafficking, and CEO of The Shooting Institute, which provides firearms training to law enforcement, military personnel, and civilians. He supports cutting taxes, domestic energy production, stronger penalties for human traffickers and fentanyl dealers, and border security. He opposes abortion access and gender-affirming care for children.

Steve Marshall (R)

Steve Marshall, Republican, serves as attorney general of Alabama and served as district attorney for Marshall County. He is from Atmore and holds a bachelor's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from the UA School of Law. He worked as a prosecutor, as an attorney at Maynard Cooper and Gale, and established McLaughlin & Marshall law firm. He supports reducing taxes and regulations, advancing cryptocurrency and blockchain technology, domestic energy production, making the 2017 Trump tax cuts permanent, and free-market healthcare competition. He opposes abortion access, gun control, and undocumented immigration.

Barry Moore (R)

Barry Moore, Republican, serves as U.S. Representative for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. He is from Coffee County and holds a bachelor's in agricultural science from Auburn. He is a small business owner who worked in the animal pharmaceutical industry and served in the Alabama National Guard and Reserves for six years. He supports cutting government regulations and reducing government size to restore economic freedom, fully funding law enforcement, domestic energy production, and strong military and veterans' benefits including protecting the GI Bill. He opposes gun control, supports deporting undocumented immigrants, and backs strict election integrity measures.

Morgan Murphy (R)

Morgan Murphy, Republican, is from Birmingham and holds a bachelor's in English from Birmingham-Southern College and an MBA from Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. He is a veteran who works as a public diplomacy advisor for the Trump administration, having served as a press secretary and advisor for the U.S. Department of Defense. He supports abolishing the IRS, replacing

the federal income tax with a national sales tax, expanding nuclear energy in Alabama, and doubling the size of the U.S. Navy fleet to 500 ships, which he views as essential to U.S. overseas diplomacy.

Rodney Walker (R)

Rodney Walker, Republican, is from Talladega, attended Gadsden State Community College and Auburn, and lives in Delta. He is the president of several businesses, including Patriot Fueling Centers USA Inc., Walker Lands and Cattle LLC, and Wedowee Quarry Inc., and served as a chief pilot and sniper for the Clay and Randolph County Sheriff Departments. He supports ending the grocery sales tax, eliminating the estate tax on farms, increased domestic energy production, and term limits for members of Congress. He opposes abortion access and gun control. He previously ran for Alabama House of Representative in 2010, but did not win.

Statewide Candidates

OFFICE: GOVERNOR

Will Boyd (D)

Will Boyd, Democrat, is from Florence, South Carolina, and holds a bachelor's in engineering from the University of South Carolina, a master's in business administration from Regis University, and doctorates in religion, organizational management, and Christian clinical psychology from St. James the Elder Theology Seminary. He serves as a minister and bishop and also works as a manufacturing executive, college professor, and higher education administrator. Boyd ran for lieutenant governor in 2018. He supports raising the minimum wage to \$20 by 2028, expanding union and worker protections, investing in renewable energy, and protecting voting rights.

JaMel J. Brown (D)

JaMel J. Brown, Democrat, is from Montgomery and works as a pastor. He ran for mayor of Montgomery and for the Montgomery City Council on four occasions. He supports ending the state sales tax on groceries, raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour with some positions like manufacturing at \$20 per hour, a 32-hour work week, and legalizing recreational marijuana and casino gambling. He opposes the death

penalty and supports releasing non-violent offenders from prison and school choice. He also supports abolishing both the federal and state Departments of Education and legislation that would require the Ten Commandments to be displayed in schools.

Yolanda Rochelle Flowers (D)

Yolanda Rochelle Flowers, Democrat, lives in Birmingham and holds associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees in speech therapy, audiology, and rehabilitation counseling, respectively, all from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. She volunteers with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the NAACP. She works as a speech therapist at Miracle Academy and as an herbalist. Flowers ran for governor in 2022. She supports expanding Medicaid, raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, and reforming the criminal justice system. She also supports comprehensive history education for all children and funding for schools serving students with special needs.

Doug Jones (D)

Doug Jones, Democrat, served as U.S. Senator representing Alabama from 2018 to 2021 and ran for re-election in 2020 but did not win. He is from Fairfield and holds a bachelor's in political science from UA and a law degree from the Samford University Cumberland School of Law. He is an attorney and distinguished senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, and has also worked as a U.S. attorney and in private practice. He supports creating a state lottery, expanding Medicaid, early voting, and quality education for all Alabama children. As a senator, he sponsored the FUTURE Act, supporting funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Chad "Chig" Martin (D)

Chad "Chig" Martin, Democrat, lives in Enterprise and earned a bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He owns Honeysuckle Hemp Company, Thunder Industrial, and Martin Mobile Homes. He ran for governor in 2022 and 2018. Martin supports expanding Medicaid, abortion access, creating jobs with livable wages, economic diversification through agriculture and ecotourism, an education lottery, and public-private partnerships for community development. He supports decriminalizing drug possession and shifting focus to treatment and public health, prison reform focused on rehabilitation, stronger animal

welfare laws, and investment in environmental protection and broadband access.

Nathan "Nate" Mathis (D)

Nathan "Nate" Mathis, Democrat, is a farmer who has grown peanuts, cotton, and corn and raised cattle on his family farm for many years. He founded Mathis Farm Service, a farming supply business, and owned Nate's Oyster Bar, a restaurant in Slocomb. He is an outspoken advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and supports protecting and expanding the missions at Fort Novosel and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base to support veterans and local jobs. As of March 2026, limited additional issue information was available online.

Ken McFeeters (R)

Ken McFeeters, Republican, works as an insurance agent and owns a local insurance agency. He supports a state lottery limited to traditional lottery formats, an education system that emphasizes discipline, critical thinking, values, and practical skills, and has proposed hiring former military personnel to help restore order in schools. He supports abolishing the U.S. Department of Education, local food and energy independence, and withdrawing from the United Nations and World Health Organization. He opposes mRNA vaccines for infants and children, AI data center surveillance of citizens, and the war in Ukraine.

"Alabama" Will Santivasci (R)

"Alabama" Will Santivasci, Republican, has a background in business management and logistics, working as an event center operations manager. He supports removing the tax on overtime work, eliminating the fuel tax, and allowing Alabamians to vote on whether to introduce a state lottery. He aims to attract businesses by leveraging Alabama's labor skills, infrastructure, and incentive packages. He supports maximizing government efficiency by cutting what he describes as unnecessary spending, programs, and personnel. He also supports keeping rural health facilities open, removing taxes from healthy food, and expanded education funding for trade schools to address blue-collar job shortages.

Thomas Tuberville (R)

Tommy Tuberville, Republican, was elected U.S. Senator representing Alabama in 2020. He was born in Camden, Arkansas, and holds a degree in education from Southern Arkansas University. He worked as a football coach at multiple levels including

at Auburn University and as an ESPN sports analyst. He supports reducing taxes, eliminating government waste, protecting the agricultural and defense industries, imposing tariffs on foreign seafood imports to protect Alabama’s seafood industry, and school voucher programs. He opposes DEI policies and taxpayer funding for abortions, supports deporting undocumented immigrants with criminal records, and opposes education that argues racism is systemic.

OFFICE: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Wes Allen (R)

Wes Allen, Republican, has served as Alabama Secretary of State since being elected in 2022. He served one term in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 89 (2018–2022), and one elected term as Pike County probate judge (2009–2018). He is from Cottondale and holds a bachelor’s from UA and a master’s from Troy University, and lives in Troy. As a state representative, he supported legislation loosening regulations and removing fees for business owners. He supports voter ID requirements and sponsored legislation banning curbside voting. He opposes no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, abortion access, and gender-affirming care for minors.

Pat Bishop (R)

Pat Bishop, Republican, holds an associate’s from Jefferson State Community College, a bachelor’s from Columbia Southern University, and a law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. He is a law enforcement officer who served in the U.S. Army for 26 years and lives in Trussville. He supports expanding Medicaid, plans to make the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Parole a priority resource for law enforcement, supports community service officers to address citizens’ psychological needs, and wants to require GED completion and trade training for inmates prior to release from the Alabama Department of Corrections.

George Childress (R)

George Childress, Republican, is from Montgomery and holds a bachelor’s in mass communication and media studies from Alabama State and a master’s in English language and theatre from Auburn University at Montgomery. He works as a community advocate.

Childress ran for Montgomery City Council District 7 in 2023. He supports affordable childcare, property tax stability for seniors on fixed incomes, workforce housing development near jobs, digital skills training for small businesses and seniors, safe public transportation, community crime prevention and reentry programs to reduce recidivism, expanding early childhood literacy programs, environmental conservation, and election transparency through paper ballots.

Rick Pate (R)

Rick Pate, Republican, served as mayor of Lowndesboro for 14 years before being elected Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. He is from Lowndes County and holds a bachelor’s in ornamental horticulture from Auburn. He founded Pate Landscape Co. He supports policies that strengthen agriculture and rural Alabama, lower grocery prices, investing in new labs and loan programs for meat processing facilities, and opposes ESG investment practices based on environmental, social, and corporate governance standards. He supports veterans through programs like At-Ease Therapy Farming and Operation Grow.

Stewart Hill Tankersley (R)

Stewart Hill Tankersley, Republican, lives in Montgomery and earned a bachelor’s in history from Auburn and a medical degree from UAB. He is a physician who served as health officer in Montgomery County and as a colonel in the Alabama Army National Guard for over 30 years. He volunteers at a local free clinic and served on the Alabama Ethics Commission. He supports lowering the cost of living, gas tax relief, school vouchers, and medical autonomy. He opposes abortion access and gun control.

Nicole Jones Wadsworth (R)

Nicole Jones Wadsworth, Republican, works as a commercial real estate developer and site selector. She supports Alabama-first tax incentives for businesses of all sizes, workforce development through apprenticeships, technical training, and dual enrollment to equip Alabamians with in-demand skills, and infrastructure investment in roads, bridges, broadband, ports, and utilities. She supports expanded partnerships among food banks, local farmers, and faith-based organizations to combat child hunger. She supports equipping law enforcement, firefighters,

military personnel, and first responders with necessary tools and training, and opposes gun control.

John Wahl (R)

John Wahl, Republican, served as chairman of the Alabama Republican Party and as the party's field director. He was born in Athens, Alabama. He supports Alabama as a Right to Work state, lower and fair tax models that fund government without waste, business deregulation, school choice programs, and a strong military with ongoing obligations to veterans. He opposes Common Core, gun control, and abortion access, and has supported a human life amendment to the Constitution. He supports requiring proof of citizenship and photo ID for voter registration and voting.

Phillip Ensler (D)

Phillip Ensler, Democrat, was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2022 and is serving his second term. He is from New York and holds a law degree from the Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University. He is an attorney and serves as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, and worked as a senior policy advisor for the City of Montgomery and as policy counsel at Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. He supports eliminating the sales tax on groceries, expanding Medicaid, creating a rural hospital fund, and establishing a state lottery to fund college and technical trade scholarships.

Darryl D. Perryman (D)

Darryl D. Perryman, Democrat, is from Camden, Alabama, and is the chief executive officer and founder of Compassionate Funeral Planning. He also works as a chaplain at Jackson Memorial Funeral Home. He ran for state representative in 2010. No issue information was available at the time of publication.

OFFICE: ATTORNEY GENERAL

Pamela L. Casey (R)

Pamela L. Casey, Republican, serves as the district attorney for Blount County. She is from Blount County and holds a bachelor's in political science

from Rhodes College and a law degree from Seattle University School of Law. She served as an assistant attorney general and deputy attorney general for the Alabama Attorney General's Office. She prioritizes addressing drug abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking, supports targeting criminal networks, improved community and law enforcement relationships, and constitutional protections including freedom of speech, religion, and the right to bear arms. She opposes undocumented immigration.

Jay Mitchell (R)

Jay Mitchell, Republican, served as a justice of the Alabama Supreme Court from 2019 to 2025. He is from Mobile and earned a bachelor's from Birmingham Southern College, a master's from University College Dublin, and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He worked as a partner at the Birmingham law firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale, specializing in complex litigation. He has named violent crime, public corruption, and immigration enforcement as priorities and supports increased resources for law enforcement.

Katherine Robertson (R)

Katherine Robertson, Republican, is from Dallas County and earned a bachelor's in political science from Auburn and a law degree from the UA School of Law. She serves as chief counsel for Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall and has worked as a senior advisor to the attorney general, as vice president and senior policy counsel for the Alabama Policy Institute, as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions, and in the U.S. Department of Justice. She opposes vaccine mandates and opposed the Alabama Supreme Court ruling that temporarily shut down IVF clinics.

OFFICE: SECRETARY OF STATE

Caroleene Dobson (R)

Caroleene Dobson, Republican, is from Beatrice, Alabama, and earned a bachelor's in history and literature from Harvard University and a law degree from the Baylor University School of Law. She works as a shareholder at Maynard Cooper and Gale and worked at several other law firms. Dobson ran for the U.S. House of Representatives for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. She supports maintaining

accurate voter rolls by removing deceased voters and those who have moved out of state, strengthening proof-of-citizenship requirements for voter registration, opposing absentee ballot harvesting, improving election auditing, and reducing fees for small businesses.

Christopher Christian Horn (R)

Christopher Christian Horn, Republican, studied at the University of Michigan and Alabama A&M and lives in Huntsville. He worked as chief executive officer of Code the South and founded Safety City Roundtable. Horn ran for U.S. representative in 2024 before withdrawing, and ran for Secretary of State in 2022 and state representative in 2014. He has said the Secretary of State should go to every community and county to discuss voter registration and the Constitution. He supports strong voter ID requirements and improving absentee ballot processes, particularly for military members stationed overseas.

Glenda S. Jackson (R)

Glenda S. Jackson, Republican, holds a bachelor's and a master's in elementary education with a minor in special education. She is a semi-retired educator who has taught in Anniston and Gadsden City Schools. Jackson ran for the Gadsden Board of Education in 2019. No issue information was available at the time of publication.

OFFICE: STATE TREASURER

Young Boozer (R) – Incumbent

Young Boozer (incumbent), Republican, has served three terms as Alabama State Treasurer since being first elected in 2010 and was most recently re-elected in 2022. He is from Birmingham and holds a bachelor's in economics from Stanford University and a master's in finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as assistant superintendent of banking at the Alabama State Banking Department. During his tenure, he created a needs-based college scholarship program, restructured Alabama's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) Program, and supported Amendment 856 to stabilize Alabama Trust Fund payouts. He opposes ESG investing.

Steve Lolley (R)

Steve Lolley, Republican, is from Guin and holds a bachelor's and an MBA from Faulkner University and a law degree from Birmingham School of Law. He works as a business and entrepreneurship instructor at Beville State Community College, and served as president of Community Bank and principal of Southern Financial Solutions. Lolley ran for the Alabama State Senate District 6 in 2018. He supports keeping state funds in Alabama-headquartered banks, creating a public transparency website to show how state funds are spent, and using the treasurer's office to actively support economic development.

OFFICE: STATE AUDITOR

Derek Chen (R)

Derek Chen, Republican, holds a bachelor's in political science from Hope College, a law degree from Samford University Cumberland School of Law, and a master's in business administration from UA. He lives in Vestavia Hills. He advocates for transparency and efficiency in the use of tax dollars and proper management of state property. He prioritizes ensuring local registrars are qualified to support election security and has said he is committed to making sure public funds are managed with integrity and accountability for Alabama taxpayers.

Andrew Sorrell (R) – Incumbent

Andrew Sorrell (incumbent), Republican, has served as Alabama State Auditor since being elected in 2022. He served one term in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 3 (2018–2022), and ran for secretary of state in 2026 before withdrawing. He is originally from Ukiah, California, and holds a bachelor's in business management from the University of North Alabama. He lives in Muscle Shoals and owns several businesses, including Infinity College Bookstore and Gold, Guns, and Guitars. He supports establishing a Property Investigations Division to audit state property, opposes bond issues that increase debt, and advocates for stronger election registrar accountability.

OFFICE: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

James O. Gordon (D)

James O. Gordon, Democrat, served in the Alabama House of Representatives for District 98 from 2006 to 2010. He is from Rome, Georgia, and served in the United States Navy from 1982 to 1985. He is a chiropractor and owner of the Alabama Injury and Pain Clinic, and worked as a chiropractor and scrub nurse at Floyd Medical Center. He volunteers with the Alabama Seafood Association to address food insecurity in Mobile County. He believes in consumer protection, transparency, and fair regulation of utilities and public services in Alabama.

John Northrop (D)

John Northrop, Democrat, is from Andalusia and holds a bachelor's from Birmingham-Southern College and two master's degrees from Harvard University. He served as head of the Alabama School of Fine Arts, as an associate commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education, as an assistant superintendent for Atlanta Public Schools, and as a journalist at several Birmingham publications. He volunteers with the Citizens Climate Lobby and the Sierra Club. He supports capping utility rates at or below southeastern averages, promoting rooftop solar and distributed energy generation, and requiring utility incentives for consumer conservation efforts.

Jeff Ramsey (D)

Jeff Ramsey, Democrat, supports prioritizing the needs of working-class Alabamians over large corporations in utility regulation decisions. No additional biographical information was available at the time of publication.

OFFICE: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Matt Gentry (R)

Matt Gentry, Republican, serves as Sheriff of Cullman County. He is from Cullman County and served in the U.S. Marine Corps and as a deputy sheriff. He supports protecting families and small businesses from unfair utility practices and ensuring access

to reliable services at fair prices. He commits to an open-door policy for constituents who want to meet with him, and wants to protect ratepayers as well as the jobs of utility, railroad, and transportation workers. He believes in transparency in how the commission operates.

Jeremy H. Oden (R) — Incumbent

Jeremy H. Oden (incumbent), Republican, has served on the Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 1, since being appointed in 2012. He served three terms in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 11, from 1998 to 2012. He is from Eva and holds a bachelor's from Asbury University and completed two years of postgraduate seminary studies. He worked as a branch manager and vice president for Eva Bank and as a co-owner of Senoalo LLC. He is an active volunteer in numerous civic and fraternal organizations and prioritizes domestic energy independence.

OFFICE: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2

Priscilla Andrews (R)

Priscilla Andrews, Republican, is from Dothan, Alabama. She ran for Houston County commissioner in 2022. No issue information was available at the time of publication.

Chris Beeker (R) — Incumbent

Chris Beeker (incumbent), Republican, was appointed to the Alabama Public Service Commission in 2024. He is from Eutaw and holds a bachelor's from the University of Mississippi. He worked in banking and finance and served as state director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program. He prioritizes energy independence and supports affordable, reliable, domestically produced energy. He has said Alabama needs leaders who will reject what he calls "the radical left's climate agenda" and fight for conservative values, and commits to policies that put American workers first and lower energy costs.

Brent Woodall (R)

Brent Woodall, Republican, ran for the Alabama Public Service Commission in 2022. He holds a

bachelor’s from Athens State University and a law degree from the UA School of Law, and works as an attorney in Colbert County. He has focused his campaign on ending what he describes as a “hidden tax” on ratepayers, in which the Public Service Commission collects more funds than it spends and transfers the surplus to the state’s General Fund rather than returning it to ratepayers.

Jim ‘Zig’ Zeigler (R)

Jim ‘Zig’ Zeigler, Republican, served on the Alabama Public Service Commission from 1974 to 1978 and was twice elected Alabama State Auditor, serving from 2015 to 2023. He also ran for state treasurer in 1986 and state auditor in 2002. He is from Sylacauga and holds a bachelor’s in public administration from UA and a law degree from Faulkner University. He works as a contributing writer for Yellowhammer News, an elder-care planner, and an attorney. He has focused on the position that large tech companies should fund their own power solutions for data centers rather than passing those costs to ratepayers.

OFFICE: COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES

Corey Hill (R)

Corey Hill, Republican, serves as mayor of Douglas, Alabama. He is a lifelong resident of Douglas, a graduate of Douglas High School and Snead State College, and attended Jacksonville State University. He operates a grocery store and farms cattle and poultry. He has said he would love to expand programs that take farmers’ food and sell it to school lunch programs. He supports lower taxes and fewer regulations to help farmers and industries employ people, and wants to reinstate a rural crime division within the agriculture department.

Christina Woerner McInnis (R)

Christina Woerner McInnis, Republican, is from Baldwin County and holds a bachelor’s in business from Auburn. She is the founder of AgriTech Corp. She supports reducing regulatory burdens on farmers, expanding access to capital, lowering land, fertilizer, and equipment costs, and strengthening Alabama’s agribusiness supply chains through enhanced trade, processing, and distribution. She supports promoting agricultural tourism, creating a grants portal to connect farmers with funding, investing in the next

generation of farmers, and opposes the purchase of Alabama land by foreign adversaries.

Jack Williams (R)

Jack Williams, Republican, is a current Alabama state senator and previously served as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives. He is from Wilmer and graduated from Mary G. Montgomery High School. He is a farmer who owns and operates J Bar W Farm with his wife, raising cattle, timber, and hay. He founded Twin Oaks Nursery and later purchased Tom Dodd Nurseries. As a state representative, he led efforts to cut taxes on agricultural fencing. He opposes what he describes as unnecessary regulations from government overreach and supports farmers’ and industries’ ability to make a living and employ people.

ALABAMA STATE SENATE – DISTRICT 23

Robert L. Stewart (D) – Incumbent

Robert L. Stewart is the incumbent Alabama State Senator for District 23. Legislative profile pages describe him as a Selma native who earned a B.S. in Accounting from Tuskegee University (2012) and a master’s degree from Kennesaw State University (2016). He is listed as a tax policy lobbyist for Public Citizen in Washington, D.C. His community involvement has been described as including All Abroad Inc., Foot Soldiers Park, Shaw Temple AME Zion Church, Urban League Young Professionals, and the Selma chapter of 100 Black Men of America. He was elected to the State Senate in 2022. Stewart is an employee of Foot Soldiers Park. Inclusion in this guide does not constitute an endorsement. This guide is provided solely for nonpartisan voter education.

Thayer “Bear” Spencer (R)

Thayer “Bear” Spencer is a Selma resident running for Alabama State Senate District 23. Local reporting describes him as having a background in nursing home/senior housing administration and senior services and notes that he and his wife moved to Selma to restore a historic home. In public statements, Spencer has highlighted priorities including protecting elders from abuse, preserving historic buildings, and policies related to online safety and youth impacts from social media.

Countywide Candidates

DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

About this office:

The Sheriff serves as the chief law enforcement officer for the county. Under Alabama law, duties include executing court orders, attending certain courts when in session, and—through the sheriff or deputies—ferreting out crime, apprehending and arresting criminals, and securing evidence to report to prosecutors.

Willie Calhoun Jr. (D)

Willie Calhoun Jr. has been reported as a Dallas County Sheriff's Office deputy and a sergeant in Criminal Investigations. Local reporting notes he received a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) national law enforcement award and has been recognized as a top honoree. Additional reporting describes Calhoun as having previously served with the Selma Police Department.

Dewayne Sanders (D)

Dewayne Sanders has been profiled in local reporting as a longtime member of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. The profile describes work experience spanning the county jail, court security, patrol, criminal investigations, and narcotics. In that reporting, Sanders emphasized protecting Selma and Dallas County residents and improving communication between law enforcement and the community.

DALLAS COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

About this office:

The Tax Collector collects property taxes for parcels located in the county.

Tanika S. Wagner-Neely (D) — Incumbent

Tanika S. Wagner-Neely is listed by the Alabama Department of Revenue as Dallas County Tax Collector. Local reporting notes she took office in 2021 after being elected the prior year and describes her as the first Black woman to serve as Dallas County Tax Collector. Reporting has also described county efforts to streamline tax services and improve access for residents.

DALLAS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

About this office:

The county assessor is a public official playing an important role in property tax administration. This office ensures property values are established fairly and accurately across the jurisdiction.

Carroll A. Bonner (D) — Incumbent

Carroll A. Bonner took office in 2021 after being elected the prior year and describes her as the first Black woman to serve as Dallas County Tax Assessor. Public reporting has also highlighted expanded access to property information and office modernization efforts.

DALLAS COUNTY CORONER

About this office:

A coroner is a public official whose primary responsibility is to determine the cause of death of individuals who have died unexpectedly or under suspicious circumstances. The coroner's office may collect evidence and coordinate investigations to determine cause and manner of death.

William Alan Dailey (D) — Incumbent

William Alan Dailey is a lifelong Selma/Dallas County resident, a Selma High School graduate, and a Wallace Community College graduate (associate degree in Business Management). The county page also lists his longstanding service as an EMT and volunteer firefighter and notes he served as Deputy Coroner for 11 years before being appointed coroner in 2004, later continuing through subsequent elections.

DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION — DISTRICT 5

About this office:

The Board of Education oversees county schools. The Board determines guidelines and procedures for schools and appoints and supervises the Superintendent. The Board works to address student needs, performance, and overall school operations.

Leroy Miles (D) — Incumbent

Leroy Miles is listed as a member of the Dallas County School District Board of Education. Local reporting has described him as an educator and coach with prior leadership roles at Selma High School and notes he took a position with the Alabama Department of Education in special education services. Reporting has also stated that Miles was elected to the Dallas County School Board in 2014 and continued serving.

Helpful Contacts

DALLAS COUNTY (PHONE DIRECTORY)

- **Board of Registrars:** (334) 874-2534
- **Dallas County Elections Division:** (334) 877-0628
- **Probate Judge (Elections):** (334) 876-4830
- **Sheriff Department:** (334) 874-2530
- **Tax Collector:** (334) 874-2519
- **Tax Assessor:** (334) 874-2520

CITY OF SELMA

- **City Hall / Main:** (334) 876-1220
- **City Council contact:**
selmacitycouncil@gmail.com
- **Council meeting schedule:**
2nd and 4th Tuesday (see city website)

NATIONAL ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINES

- **English:** 1 (866) 687-8683
- **Spanish:** 1 (888) 839-8682
- **Arabic:** 1 (844) 925-5287
- **Asian languages:** 1 (888) 274-8683
- **Alabama Election Protection:**
1 (844) 4ALVOTE
- **American Sign Language video call number:** (301) 818-VOTE

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