

**AACPS Board of Education candidates' stances on some hot topics. For more detailed views on the candidates' stances on these and other key topics, you can click on the links at the bottom of this document - General Election - 2024.**

Anne Arundel County Public Schools Board of Education Candidate:	District:	Would support a policy banning flags representing marginalized groups in AACPS classrooms	Source	Supports teaching accurate history that actively seeks to show the perspectives of marginalized groups	Source	Supports Guidelines and Policies supporting LGBTQ+ Students	Source	Would support policies banning books in schools	Source	Promoted or supported by, or connected to Moms for Liberty or other organizations/individuals that have expressed non-inclusive sentiments; or has themselves made non-inclusive statements	Source	Endorsed by organizations that support students, educators, and creating safe, equitable environments for all	
Gloria Dent (uncontested race)	1	ABSTAINED	5	YES	2,4	YES	4	NO	4			Teacher's Association of Anne Arundel County (TAAAC); Anne Arundel County Caucus of African American Leaders (CAAL)	
Robert Silkworth (uncontested race)	2	NO	5	YES	3,4	YES	4	NO	3,4			TAAAC, CAAL	
Erica McFarland	3	NO	4,6	YES	1,3	YES	1,3	NO	3			TAAAC, PASS, CAAL	
Chuck Yocum	3	YES	4	YES	4	NO	4	MAYBE (would support removing certain books)	4,8,10,11	Yocum uses language that is offensive and demeaning to women and people with disabilities in his public facing The Voice of Reason FB blog.	12,13	NO	
Sarah J. McDermott	4	NO	4	YES	1,2,3,4	YES	1,3,4	NO	4			PASS, TAAAC, CAAL	
Stephanie Mutchler	4	NO	4	YES	2,3,4	YES	3,4	NO	2,3,4			PASS	
Dana Schallheim	5	NO	3,4,5	YES	1,2,3,4	YES	1,3,4	NO	2,3,4			TAAAC, PASS, CAAL	
LaToya Nkongolo	5	UNCLEAR (Did not provide response to any of the 3 questionnaires referenced in sources 1, 3, and 4, nor to the TAAAC		YES	2	UNCLEAR (Did not provide response to any of the 3 questionnaires referenced in sources 1, 3, and 4, nor to the TAAAC		MAYBE (would support removing certain books)	2,11	Moms for Liberty flyer for 9/25/23 event introducing LaToya Nkongolo as "Special Guest", "challenging the...most radical BOE member, who must be voted out!"	7	NO	
Joanna Tobin	6	NO	3,4,5	YES	1,2,3,4	YES	1,3,4	NO	2,3,4			TAAAC, PASS, CAAL	
Edilene Barros	6	UNCLEAR (Did not provide response to any of the 3 questionnaires referenced in sources 1, 3, 4, or 11, nor to the TAAAC questionnaire)									Promoted by Jennifer Fold, head of AACo Moms for Liberty, in a Facebook Post in "Annapolis Conservative Moms" on 3/26/24	9	NO
Jeremy York	7	NO	4	YES	1,3,4	YES	1,3,4	NO	3,4			TAAAC, PASS, CAAL	
Dawn Pulliam	7	UNCLEAR (Did not provide response to any of the 3 questionnaires referenced in sources 1, 3, 4, or 11, nor to the TAAAC questionnaire);									Pulliam campaigns at events with both Nkongolo and Barros, both of whom have support from Moms for Liberty. Additionally, Pulliam received support from Kimberly Klacik in 2022 when Pulliam was running for County Council (Klacik is conservative Republican who founded the Red Renaissance PAC, and Klacik also signed the Moms for Liberty Pledge.)	14,15	NO

This is an informational spreadsheet provided by Connecting the Dots and the Racial Reconciliation Collaborative, and is based on publicly available information. If you have any questions, concerns, or corrections, please email ctdaaco@gmail.com.

Source #.	Source:
1	<a href="#">Caucus of African American Leaders Candidate Questionnaire Flip Book, March 2024</a>
2	<a href="#">Caucus of African American Leaders Candidate Forum, March 12, 2024</a>
3	<a href="#">Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students/Annapolis Pride/Connecting the Dots/Maryland WISE Candidate Questionnaire (complete responses), March 2024</a>
4	<a href="#">PASS (Parental Alliance for Student Safety) Candidate Questionnaire (SUMMARY), March 2024</a>
5	<a href="#">BoE member's vote at 7/12/23 BoE meeting</a>
6	<a href="#">6/26/23 BoE Testimony</a>
7	<a href="#">Moms for Liberty Event Flyer</a>
8	<a href="#">PASS (Parental Alliance for Student Safety) Candidate Questionnaire (complete responses), March 2024</a>
9	<a href="#">Facebook Post by Head of Anne Arundel County Moms for Liberty</a>
10	<a href="#">Baltimore Banner Anne Arundel County School Board Voter Guide</a>
11	<a href="#">Capital Gazette Anne Arundel County School Board Voter Guide</a>
12	<a href="#">Offensive statements made by Chuck Yocum</a>
13	<a href="#">Capital Gazette 9/19/24 Article on Comments by Chuck Yocum</a>
14	<a href="#">Pulliam campaigning with Moms for Liberty Supported Candidates</a>
15	<a href="#">Support from Kimberly Klacik in 2022 when Pulliam was running for County Council (Klacik is conservative Republican who founded the Red Renaissance PAC) and also signed the Moms for Liberty Pledge.</a>

NOTE: This spreadsheet focuses on issues of equity, justice, and belonging that typically have not been asked about in candidate questionnaires. There have been multiple questionnaires that speak to other very important issues such as academic performance, school budgets, redistricting, teacher pay, and recruitment. In fact, some of those candidate questionnaires are referenced on this spreadsheet in the source area. Readers who wish to see the full responses of the candidates who answered those questions can go to the links on this spreadsheet to do so.

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