

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
09 CVS 006655

COUNTY OF WAKE

JUNE ST. CLAIR ATKINSON, individually)
and in her official capacity as)
Superintendent of Public Instruction of the)
State of North Carolina; B and C,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, et al.)

Defendants.)

**AFFIDAVIT OF
WILLIAM C. HARRISON**

I am over 18 years of age, am competent to testify, and have personal knowledge of the matters contained herein.

1. I currently hold two positions in North Carolina government: (1) Chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Education (hereafter "State Board"); and (2) Chief Executive Officer (hereafter "CEO") of the State Board.


2. In March of 2009, I was appointed to the State Board by Governor Perdue. I did not receive a separate appointment to become Chairman. I was selected as Chairman by the members of the State Board. I have taken only one oath of office in connection with my membership on the State Board.

3. As the Chairman, I preside over meetings of the State Board and perform certain other administrative duties. However, the Chairman cannot take any action on behalf of the State Board except as authorized by vote of the full Board or of the Executive Committee (whose membership consists of the State Board Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the members of the State Board who serve as chairs of each of the Board's committees).

4. At State Board meetings, my votes count the same as every other member. My vote does not receive any special weight, and I do not serve as a tiebreaker.

5. North Carolina law provides that the State Board shall consist of thirteen members. In addition to myself, twelve other persons currently sit on the State Board. My status as Chairman does not mean that I am deemed to take up two of the thirteen seats (that of the Chairman and that of a regular board member). Rather, I count as only one of the thirteen members.

This the 29th day of June, 2009.



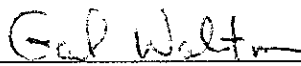
William C. Harrison

Wake County, North Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 29 day of June, 2009.

My Commission Expires:

March 10, 2014



Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned has this day served the foregoing in the above titled action upon all other parties to this cause by:

- Hand delivering a copy hereof to each said party or to the attorney thereof;
- Transmitting a copy hereof to each said party via electronic transmission; or
- Depositing a copy hereof, first class postage pre-paid in the United States mail, properly addressed to:

Robert F. Orr
Jeannette K. Doran
333 East Six Forks Road, Suite 180
Raleigh, NC 27609

This the 2nd day of July, 2009.



Mark A. Davis
Special Deputy Attorney General