

Reuben B. Collins, II

Charles County Commissioner President



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., is a lifelong resident of Charles County, was raised in Bryans Road and is a proud graduate of the Charles County School system. Commissioner President Collins resides with his wife, Debborah, along with their children Janiya, Tyme, and Taj, in Waldorf, Maryland.

Commissioner President Collins earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, advancing to earn his Jurisprudence Doctorate (J.D.) from the District of Columbia School of Law. For over twenty years, he practiced law for R.B. Collins Law, LLC emphasizing on corporate and small business transactions.

Commissioner President Collins' public service career started more than 30 years ago and includes two terms as District 3 Charles County Commissioner where he served as Vice-President during his second term in office. He was elected to office a third time in 2018; he made history by becoming the first African American elected as Commissioner President

for Charles County. In 2022, he was re-elected as Commissioner President, marking the first re-election of the Charles County Commissioner President in 20 years.

Along with his real-world experience, Commissioner President's commitment to community service is widely established and he has a proud history of serving others. He is credited with extensive and noteworthy contributions:

- Charles County Housing Authority, 2008
- Minority Business Program Collaboration, 2008
- Rural Housing Improvement Initiative, 2009
- Waldorf Sidewalk Initiative, 2010
- Light Rail Initiative Collaboration, 2011
- Summer Youth Employment Program, 2012
- Waldorf Beautification Project, 2012
- Waldorf Redevelopment Corridor, 2012
- Pomonkey Redevelopment Project, 2013
- Affordable Housing Initiatives, 2020 and 2021
- Charles County Interfaith Commission (first in Charles County), 2021
- Resilience Authority (first in the State of Maryland), 2021

Additionally, in 2021, Commissioner President Collins spearheaded the passage of Resolution 2021-24 Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which includes use of an equity impact assessment tool to assess the actual or anticipated effect of proposed policies, institutional practices, programs, plans, and budgetary decisions considered by the Board of Commissioners.

Historically, Commissioner President worked to accelerate growth in Charles County Sheriff's Department, facilitated partnerships with local companies to provide jobs to local youth, crafted a 'Smart City Vision' to make Charles County more responsive to the residents, and collaborated with non-profit partners to reduce veteran and chronic homelessness, including the rehabilitation of deteriorating motels into low-cost apartments.

Additionally, he served on numerous committees within his positions as Commissioner and Commissioner Vice President, including:

- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
- Charles County Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
- Tri-County Council Veterans Regional Advisory Committee
- Southern Maryland Latino Council
- Charles County Economic Development Commission
- Charles County Department of Social Services
- Charles County Economic Advisory Council
- Chesapeake Bay Area Commission
- Patuxent River Commission

Furthermore, Commissioner President's community involvement is credited with more noteworthy contributions:

- Akoben Political Action Committee (founder)
- United Way of Charles County
- The Working Men Associated Enterprises (Chief Counsel)
- Black Leadership Council for Excellence (Founder and President)
- Kiwanis International of Waldorf
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Charles County (former Chief Attorney)

Commissioner President is also a published author. His works are: *Evolutionary Actuality* (February 2013) and *On Resistance: And the Expansion of We the People's Civil Rights in America* (June 2021). In his fourth term serving the residents of Charles County, Commissioner President is eager to continue working to advance policies that will ensure Charles County has a bright and prosperous future.