



Charles County Commissioners

REUBEN B. COLLINS, II, ESQ., 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 Bryans Road, 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. His public service career started over 30 years ago to include two previous terms as Charles County Commissioner for District 3 and Charles County Vice-President during his second term in office. This third term in office is historically significant as Commissioner President Collins is the first African American elected as Commissioner President for Charles County.

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

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:

- 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)

Worth a notable mention, Commissioner President is also an author, *Evolutionary Actuality*, published in February 2013. As his third term begins, Commissioner President is highly motivated and eager to set the foundation for Charles County to have a bright and prosperous future.