



Michael Talbert

Nominating Committee Recommended Candidate

Statement of Focus

Having spent over 30 years in public service, I value long-range strategic planning, sound fiscal management, and strong, transparent communications with the members. I am volunteering to be a board member to carry on the mission of KICA. I will work

with other board members to protect Kiawah's natural resources, insure that future development dovetails with the natural beauty of the island, resulting in the enhancement of human interaction with the natural resources. I bring expertise that can strategically plan for and preserve Kiawah Island for future generations.

Personal

- Family: Sarah (wife), Stuart (daughter) and Scott (son), Landrie (granddaughter)
- History of Kiawah Property Ownership: After visiting Kiawah for over 32 years, we purchased property at 3574 Shipwatch Road in 2015. Since retiring, I currently spend 40% percent of my time at Kiawah and plan to become a full-time resident.
- Hobbies: Biking, walking, historic preservation and traveling

Career Highlights

- County Manager/Assistant County Manager, Orange County, NC (Chapel Hill)
- Finance Director/Budget Director/Facilities-Long-Range Capital Improvement Planning

- Funding and Implementation- various North Carolina cities and counties
- Small business owner (Council House Bed and Breakfast)

Other Experience Volunteerism

- Member and Chairman, Hickory Regional Planning Commission
- Member, YMCA Corporate Board of Directors
- Campaign Chair, Catawba Valley United Arts Fund
- Member, Catawba Science Center Board of Directors
- Member, Claremont Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

Additional Comments

The summer of 1985 was my first visit to Kiawah. Never having visited anything like Kiawah before, I was wide-eyed and amazed, absorbing all of the natural beauty. My family has come back for over 32 years. I have never lost the thrill of coming to Kiawah and purchasing property has only enhanced my desire to preserve the Kiawah Island for future generations.

My public service career has been centered on providing services to many different populations and building consensus for what is best for everyone, with limited resources. Working hand-in-hand with both elected and appointed officials, other levels of governments and the general public, I have a unique perspective and experience with public and private collaboration. I will utilize my expertise to work with other board members to preserve the Kiawah experience.