



**Meeting of the Full Board  
May 23, 2023**

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**Information Item**

BOT – 6 Report of Annual Appointment: School of Education Advisory Board

**Background Information**

Administrative Guidelines for the appointment of advisory boards require an annual report summarizing new academic unit advisory board appointments.

Pursuant thereto, the appointment of Margaret Arbuckle to the School of Education Advisory Board for a new three-year term beginning in the Fall 2023 semester is being presented.

6.1 - Appointee Bio

*Debbie Storrs*

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Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

## **Margaret Arbuckle**

Renewal of new three-year term beginning in the Fall 2023 semester.

For years, Dr. Margaret Arbuckle has advocated for the education and developmental wellbeing of North Carolina's children. As the president of the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute, Dr. Arbuckle worked tirelessly with state administrative and executive offices to benefit children and their families. While president of the flagship organization for early childhood mobilization – which encouraged the creation of Child Advocacy centers that create critical partnerships between communities and necessary resources such as mental health and medical providers, social services, and public-school administrations – she pushed for support at the community level to ensure that every North Carolina child has the opportunity to develop and thrive physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Guilford County has greatly felt the effects of Dr. Arbuckle's dedication to early childhood development and public education. As county commissioner and then executive director of Guilford Education Alliance, Dr. Arbuckle was instrumental in improving the quality and accessibility of early education and public education. Under her leadership, the independent non-profit forged partnerships to support Guilford County Schools with talented people, resources, and funding.

Dr. Arbuckle was particularly instrumental in launching Say Yes Guilford. Dr. Arbuckle's decades of advocacy have been recognized by numerous awards, including the Woman of the Year by the Greensboro News & Record in 2013 and the NCCJ's Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation Award in 2015. In 2013, Guilford Education Alliance established the Margaret Bourdeaux Arbuckle Award to honor her service to children and public education. This lasting tribute is given yearly to individuals who have long histories of supporting quality education and stand as community leaders with a vision and passion for ensuring that all Guilford County children have access to education and a successful future.

At UNCG, Dr. Arbuckle was the associate director at the Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships, where she worked closely with the founding director of the Center for New North Carolinians. Among the numerous projects she led, Dr. Arbuckle created the Kaleidoscope, a document to provide public schools with critical information and "glimpses" into different cultures and cultural norms. Dr. Arbuckle's vision has been used to improve inclusion and diversity efforts in Guilford County schools, including introducing English language courses for children and providing interpretation services for parents so they can be informed about and involved in their children's education.

Dr. Arbuckle also served as director of the Guilford Initiative for Training and Treatment Services, a project funded by the NC Division of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Disabilities under the direction of UNCG faculty Dr. Susan Keane. As director, Dr. Arbuckle oversaw the establishment of a system of care model for Guilford County to support children and the families of children who are experiencing psychological and behavioral difficulties.

Dr. Arbuckle has volunteered on numerous UNCG advisory boards, including the Social Issues Executive Committee, the Social Issues Advisory Board, the Health and Human Sciences Board, and the Human Environmental Sciences Foundation Board. She is currently a member of the School of Education Advisory Board.

For her service, Dr. Arbuckle was awarded the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 and the School of Health and Human Sciences Lifetime Legacy Award. In 2019, she was named as one of the inaugural recipients of the School of Education's Inspirational Educators Award.

In 2013, Dr. Arbuckle retired as the executive director of Guilford County Education Alliance. She also served as president of the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute; county commissioner of Guilford County; associate director at UNCG's Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships; and director of the Guilford Initiative for Training and Treatment Services.

**Membership in professional or business-related organization(s):**

UNCG Social Issues Advisory Board (1996-2003)

UNCG Social Issues Executive Committee (1996-2000)

UNCG Human Environmental Sciences Foundation Board of Directors (1995-2018)

UNCG School of Education Advisory Board (2013-Current)

City of Greensboro Human Relations Commission

Guilford County Partnership for Children

Piedmont Triad Partnership

Guilford County Economic Development Council

Guilford College Board of Visitors

Bennett College Board of Visitors

Greater Greensboro Cities in Schools

Greensboro Council for Children & Youth

Human Services Institute Board of Trustees

Guilford County Commission on the Needs of Children Board

Public School Forum of NC

NC Public Education Forum