

Minnie Forte-Brown

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Minnie Forte-Brown, a member of the Durham Public Schools Board of Education since 2004, has served as its chair since 2006.

Under her leadership, the DPS Board of Education participated in Reform Governance in Action training, a two-year program of the Center for Reform of School Systems. Forte-Brown is committed to engaging students, parents and the community.

Minnie Forte-Brown is a Durham native, attended Durham Public Schools, and graduated from Hillside High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in speech and English from Saint Augustine's College and a master's of education degree in speech pathology and audiology from North Carolina Central University. She also has participated in doctoral studies at Howard University in Theory and Rhetoric in the School of Communication.

The DPS Board Chair is a member of the North Carolina School Board Association Board of Directors and also serves as an officer for the National School Board Association. She is on the Steering Committee and Resolutions Committee and serves as the Vice-Chair for the Council of Urban Boards of Education. Additionally, she was appointed by Governor Bev Perdue to the NC Council of the Status of Women and the Gang Advisory Task Force. She is also a co-founder of the East Durham Children's Initiative.

Minnie is a retired communications specialist and master teacher formerly in the Department of English and Mass Communications at North Carolina Central University. She has received numerous awards for teaching excellence and community service and is a frequent presenter locally and statewide.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and White Rock Baptist Church. She has one daughter and two grandsons, all a part of the DPS family. She is married to Roger A. Brown.

The National Alumni Association of Hillside High School salutes one of its own – Ms. Minnie Forte-Brown.