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City of Norfolk School Board Re-Elects Chair, Elects New Vice Chair

NORFOLK, VA – In a virtual meeting held Thursday, July 7, 2021, the City of Norfolk School Board re-elected Dr. Adale M. Martin as chairperson and elected Carlos Clanton as vice chairperson for the 2021-2022 school year.

Martin was first elected to the School Board in 2018. She has an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University, a graduate degree from Louisiana State University, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Old Dominion University with a specialization in Collaboration and International Security Policy areas. Martin is extremely active in the Norfolk community and is currently serving as the executive director of the Slover Library Foundation.

“I am honored to be re-elected by my colleagues to serve another term as chairperson for the City of Norfolk School Board,” said Dr. Martin. “I am proud of what we have accomplished while facing the challenges of this past year. We will continue to refine our ability to operate as a governance team and our focus on improving academic outcomes for all our students. I look forward to another year of leading the School Board in providing support and guidance to our administrators, teachers, and staff in the division’s endeavors.”

Clanton became a School Board member in 2018. He is no stranger to the vice chair position. He was elected by his colleagues and served in the role from 2018-20. Clanton serves on numerous School Board committees and represents the body as a member of the SECEP Regional Governance Board. Clanton received his undergraduate degree from Old Dominion University, and he is currently working toward a Masters of Public Administration degree from ODU. He also earned a Certificate of Nonprofit Management from Tidewater Community College. Among Clanton’s civic involvement, he made history when he became the youngest (24 years old) and first African American to serve as the Norfolk Division’s Director of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the City of Norfolk School Board, including complete member biographies and contact information, visit www.npsk12.com.

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