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**Norfolk School Board Elects New Chair and Vice Chair**

NORFOLK, VA – In a virtual meeting held Monday, July 13, the Norfolk School Board elected Adale Martin as chairperson and Rodney Jordan as vice chairperson for the 2020-2021 school year.

“I am honored to serve Norfolk Public Schools as chairperson, and I look forward to leading the Norfolk School Board to support our teachers and administrators so that we can continue to provide a quality education to Norfolk students as we navigate through these uncertain times,” said Martin.

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 is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Public Policy at Old Dominion University with a specialization in Collaboration and International Security policy areas. Martin is extremely active in the Norfolk community and is currently executive director of the Slover Library Foundation.

Jordan has been a school board member for the City of Norfolk since 2012 and served as chairperson from 2015-2018. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Hampton University. Jordan continues a family tradition of civic involvement by lending his time to many community-based services and activities. He was recently named the 2020 recipient of the *Benjamin Elijah Mays Lifetime Achievement Award*, which is presented by the National School Boards Association Council of Urban Boards of Education. Jordan is currently the president of the Virginia School Boards Association.

For more information about the Norfolk School Board, including complete member biographies and contact information, visit [www.npsk12.com](http://www.npsk12.com).

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