

## 2018 TRS Board of Control Election Candidate Biographies

**Mrs. Melinda Howell Rouleau** has recently retired after 30 years of service in Alabama public school systems. In those 30 years, she has taught high school mathematics, sponsored many clubs and organizations, and served on various committees. For 18 years, she worked for Homewood City Schools, where she taught at Homewood High School. Previously, she taught 12 years at Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School. Mrs. Rouleau attended Birmingham Southern College, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. She then enrolled in the University of Alabama at Birmingham's fifth year program, where she received a Masters of Education in Mathematics and completed certification in gifted education. She enjoyed teaching and affecting the lives of young people for the next 30 years. Mrs. Rouleau is married to Rob Rouleau, who is employed by the University of Alabama at Birmingham. They have two wonderful children who attend Alabama public schools and have been very successful.

**Mr. Ollie Underwood, Jr.** has a B.S. degree from Mississippi Valley State University, with a major in Social Studies and a minor in English. He taught in the Lawrence County School System for 39 years. Mr. Underwood served as President of the Alabama Education Association from 2005 until his retirement in 2007.

**Mr. Jimmie L. Robinson** is a native of Birmingham. He graduated from Lawson State Community College with a certificate in brick masonry in 1979. He served 16 years as City Councilman of Midfield. Mr. Robinson served on the Finance Committee and has many years of dealing with budgeting and finance. He enjoys representing people and making sure they get a good return on their retirement. He attended an outreach and delivery ministry at his church. Mr. Robinson is a historian and collector, having donated part of his collection to museums and colleges in Alabama, Louisiana, and California.

**Mrs. Nancy McClendon McClanahan** has 39.7 years of service and graduated from the University of North Alabama with a B.S. in Elementary Education, as well as a M.A. and an Ed.S. Over her career, she has taught in Lawrence County, Franklin County, Muscle Shoals City, Florence City, and Northwest Shoals Community College. Her career included 26 student interns whom she guided through the elementary classroom. During the 2017-2018 school year, Mrs. McClanahan substituted 120 days in Lauderdale County and Muscle Shoals City, which afforded her the opportunity to listen to teachers' current praises, needs, and concerns. She is proud to be the first "Ag in the Classroom" teacher along with holding other honors. She and her husband are partners in the retail business, The London Shop, which has provided her experience in accounting, taxes, and interactions with people.

**Ms. Peggy Mobley** is a retired educator with 42 years of experience. She holds a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Montevallo and a M.S. in Mathematics from Troy University. She is currently employed part-time with the Alabama Education Retirees Association as a membership coordinator for Area 3. Ms. Mobley has one daughter, Carrie Jackson Mitchell who is married to Jonny Mitchell. Both Carrie and Jonny are involved in public education. All four of her grandchildren have attended or are currently attending public schools in Alabama. She is currently a member of the National Education Association, Alabama Education Association, and the Alabama Education Retirees Association. Ms. Mobley has served 26 years as a member of the AEA Board of Directors; 8 of those years as AEA President and Vice President.