



Nominees for 2025 – 2027 DWPC Board

Here are the bios and pictures of the DWPC members who have volunteered to run for our Executive Board. Please join us in applauding their commitment to serve in leadership roles for the next 2 years.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Connie Nelson – President</p> <p>Since March 2023, I have served as the Treasurer of our organization. In addition, I am a member of the League of Women Voters for Lower Cape Fear, the Pender County Branch of NAACP, and a Guardian Ad Litem for Pender County Judicial District 06. Professionally, I retired as a Certified Project Manager.</p> <p>I am married with three adult children and two grandsons. Before moving to Hampstead in 2021, I lived in the Chicago suburbs in Illinois, where I served for over 20 years as an Election Judge and participated in the Kane County Democrats and Democratic Women of Kane County organizations.</p> <p>After moving to Pender County, I sought out the local Democratic Party organizations to continue my support of candidates who represent my values and beliefs. Specifically, it is my intent to support women candidates and candidates that support women. My hobbies include reading, paper crafts, and spending time with my wonderful family.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Deirdre Hartsfield - 1st Vice Chair</p> <p>Hi! My name is Deirdre Hartsfield, a life-long Democrat and new member of the DWPC.</p> <p>A little about myself- I have lived in Hampstead for almost 18 years with my husband Jason, and two (now) teenage children, Jack and Clara. As registered nurse for almost twenty years, I've worked in women's health, clinical research and most recently, case management.</p> <p>Over these years, I have watched the communities within Pender County grow. As a board member, I very much look forward to building onto the core base of this group to grow a diverse, welcoming and active culture within the DWDC.</p>



Mesha Perez – 4th Vice Chair

I grew up in a small town near Orlando, Florida. In 2021, my husband and I relocated to Hampstead, a decision we've cherished ever since. We have three wonderful children: Kamron 17, Sophia 6 and Lily 5. As a family, we love boating, visiting the beach and exploring all the North Carolina has to offer.

I am proud to be a Democrat because of the values we stand for – equality, justice, compassion and opportunity for all. These principles inspire me to work hard every day to create a brighter future for my kids and the generations to come. I'm committed to fighting for affordable healthcare, quality education, climate action, and protecting fundamental rights.

I'm thrilled to be a part of DWPC and to contribute to the change our community and country so desperately need. The women who came before us sacrificed so much so that we can stand proud today, make our voices heard and continue paving the way for a better tomorrow.



Teresa Poston – Treasurer

My education and professional background is in accounting. Graduating from Francis Marion University in 1991 with a BBA, I earned my accounting degree and have worked in the accounting field for over 40 years. Currently I work remotely as the Practice Administrator for a Dental Practice located in Virginia Beach, VA where I have been a team member for twenty-one years.

I have two sons and two granddaughters. My oldest son and family live in Hampstead. I moved to Hampstead in 2021 to be near them and to help with my two granddaughters and their busy schedules. My youngest son lives in Brooklyn, NY; I love visiting him and getting to see a Broadway show when I can.

I joined DWPC to be with and make new friendships with women that think and feel the way I do. I support policies that promote equality, protect LGBTQ, voting and women's rights. I believe everyone should have access to affordable and quality healthcare. I believe the only way to create a more equitable society for all is to advocate for change, not sit and just hope for change, but do what you can.



Christine Jones – Assistant Treasurer

My husband and I have been residents of Hampstead for 14 years. We have two married, adult children who live in the Carolinas and one granddaughter. We are both originally from Bloomfield, CT and raised our family in South Windsor, CT. I am a retired pediatric physical therapist and had most recently worked for the Brunswick County School System. I have a BS in Biology and Psychology from Boston College, and a Master's in Physical Therapy from Duke University.

My beliefs align strongly with the Democratic party due to my work with special needs children and their families, working in school and healthcare settings, and just by virtue of being a woman. I am a naturalized US citizen having been born in Holland. My father was from The Netherlands and my mother was from Indonesia. I joined the DWPC this last election cycle and I am impressed with the organization, the commitment of its members, and its recent growth and outreach efforts.

I look forward to being an active member of the DWPC board in order to make a positive impact on the future of our county, state and country.



Judy Clemmons- Secretary

I retired 3 years ago this past October after serving as a church secretary administrative assistant for three different denominations over 30 years.

I am a recent widow and am blessed to have three grown stepchildren, two sons and a daughter who live in TX., TN., and NC. I have eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

I enjoy reading and crafting diamond art kits and pictures.

I have lived in Hampstead for 40 years and a current member of Hampstead United Methodist Church.

I am looking forward to being a part of DWPC Board and serving any way I can.