

## **KENNETH GREG PARKS - BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMMISSION 2ND DISTRICT (R)**

Key findings include:

- **Parks is a far-right Republican that ran a failed campaign for Buncombe County School Board Elections in 2022 and posted about culture wars.** During his run for Buncombe County School Board, Parks made several controversial social media posts about opposing gender ideology and Critical Race Theory in schools. He also commented on a Facebook post in support of banning books.
- **In Parks' second run for office, he does not have an official campaign website or campaign social media pages.**

Kenneth Greg Parks (Greg Parks) filed for Buncombe County Commission 1st district as a Republican on December 19th, 2025 [[Buncombe County](#)]. Since 2008, the county has swung strongly toward the Democratic party. In 2024, Kamala Harris achieved the strongest performance as a democrat in the county. Buncombe County Board of Commission has seven elected officials who serve four-year terms, including the chair, vice chair and five members. Each member of the commission has the same voting power. The terms are staggered so that three commission seats open up every two years. The chair is elected through a separate race every four years. The vice mayor is appointed by members of the commission. The county is divided into three districts and each district has two commissioners. District 2 is made up Western and Northern Buncombe, including Leicester, Weaverville, Barnardsville, Candler and parts of Swannanoa and Woodfin. The incumbent Commissioners are Terri Wells (term from 2024 to 2028) and Martin Moore (term from 2022 to 2026). Moore is the incumbent being replaced. Parks is running uncontested in the Republican primary and will face either Lonnie Israel or Terry Threadwell in the general election in November [[MountainX](#), 2/5/2026]

County Commissioners in Buncombe County are the primary legislative body for the county. Buncombe County has a “strong manager, weak council” system, meaning the county manager serves as Buncombe’s chief executive officer. The commission decides who to hire as county manager and whether to extend or terminate their contract. The commissioners control the county’s financial decisions, including final say over the annual budget, and exclusively hold the local power to do things like COVID stay at home orders and disaster emergency funding applications.

### **BACKGROUND**

Parks was born and raised in Haywood County, NC and has twin daughters [[Parks for BCS via Wayback Machine](#)] and is a quality manufacturer at a manufacturing facility. He went to Mars Hill College and received a Bachelor’s in Science Degree focused in Business Management.

Parks ran for election to the Buncombe County Schools Board of Education to represent District 1 in North Carolina in 2024 but lost with only 37.75% of the vote [[North Carolina State Board of Elections](#)]. This election, which is nonpartisan, was notably very contentious due to Parks' outspoken opposition towards Critical Race Theory and gender ideology in schools.

## **ON THE ISSUES**

*NO FINDINGS OF NOTE FOR FIRST ROUND VET*

## **VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE**

### CULTURE WAR ENGAGEMENT

**Parks posted a racist and homophobic image on his Facebook Campaign page for his run for Buncombe County Schools Board of Election.** [[AVL Watchdog](#), 10/24/2022]



**Kenneth Greg Parks**

October 12 at 9:35 PM · 🌐



I stand by my beliefs. I know this may be new for some to understand. Please share I do not believe that any kind of sexuality or gender ideology belongs in our schools.

**Parks posted an image about opposing Critical Race Theory and gender ideology in schools. [AVL Watchdog, 10/24/2022]**



Parks commented on North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson campaign website: “We must stand against this in Buncombe County and that will only happen by replacing board members in 2022. I can assure you if elected this material will not be in Buncombe County schools.” In addition to pushing unfounded claims of CRT “indoctrination” and promising to ban books, he has accused the school system of hiring as teachers “men who wear skirts.” [AVL Watchdog, 10/24/2022]

On his previous campaign website, he also calls out CRT being an issue in schools and was opposed to vaccine mandates. Under the Curriculum section: “The curriculum in our school system should be focused on teaching the fundamentals of education such as reading, writing, mathematics, science, history, and arts. Not focused on social issues or in doctoring ideologies such as CRT & SEL”. Under the Mandate section: Buncombe County Schools need to get out of the mandate business and get back in the education business. Leave health decisions up to the parents and staff.” [Parks for BCS via Wayback Machine]

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