

## Minnie Forte-Brown Biographical Sketch

Minnie Forte-Brown, a member of the Durham Public Schools Board of Education since 2004, served as its chair from 2006 to 2012 and Vice-Chair from 2012 to 2015. She was sworn in on November 15, 2018, as president of the North Carolina School Boards Association, where she has served on the Board of Directors since 2010.

Forte-Brown is a Durham native, attended Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in speech and English from Saint Augustine's University and a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology from North Carolina Central University. She also participated in doctoral studies at Howard University in Theory and Rhetoric in the School of Communication.

She is a former officer of the National School Boards Association and past Chair of the Council of Urban Boards of Education. She was appointed by Governor Bev Perdue to the NC Council of the Status of Women and the Gang Advisory Task Force. She is also a co-founder of the East Durham Children's Initiative and former chair of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee.

Forte-Brown is a retired communications specialist and master teacher formerly in the Department of English and Mass Communications at North Carolina Central University. She has received numerous awards for teaching excellence and community service and is a frequent presenter locally and statewide. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and White Rock Baptist Church. She has one daughter and two grandsons, and is married to Roger A. Brown.