



**NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**

## **NC Association for Public Charter Schools Adds to Its Lobbying Team**

**Raleigh-**The [NC Association for Public Charter Schools](#) announced this week the addition of Charles “Ches” McDowell to its team of lobbyists. He joins previously contracted lobbyist Michelle Frazier as they work together to represent the Association in implementing its legislative agenda. “Ches brings invaluable insights to the Association,” said [Rhonda Dillingham](#), Executive Director of the NC Association for Public Charter Schools. “With Michelle and now Ches on our team, the NC Association for Public Charter Schools is prepared to launch a solid, strategic, and successful campaign to strengthen the charter school movement with policy-makers in Raleigh.”



Mr. McDowell practices at Kilpatrick Townsend and has lobbied for a wide variety of clients in all levels of government with a focus on the North Carolina General Assembly. He represents clients in many industries including health care, outdoor sports, aviation, municipal government, nonprofits, state-wide associations, elections, energy, pharmaceuticals, and real estate development.

Prior to joining Kilpatrick Townsend, Mr. McDowell served as a law clerk for the Honorable David M. Warren at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Previously, Mr. McDowell was a Senior Legislative Consultant/Lobbyist at Randolph E. Cloud and Associates and a Lobbyist with a Raleigh, North Carolina law firm where he consulted and lobbied for clients in various industries with a wide range of interests. He also worked for Senator Phil Berger in his position as Senate Republican Leader, and later when Senator Berger was elected Senate President Pro Tempore.

“The NC Association for Public Charter Schools does great work for the citizens of North Carolina,” stated Mr. McDowell, “and I look forward to helping them advance their goals.”

The NC Association for Public Charter Schools (NCAPCS) is the leading charter school advocacy organization in the state. Created from the merger of the NC Alliance for Public Charter Schools and the NC Public Charter Schools Association, the NC Association for Public Charter Schools is dedicated to advancing quality educational opportunities for all North Carolina children by supporting and expanding successful charter schools. In addition to its advocacy, NCAPCS provides a broad spectrum of technical support, mentoring, training, networking, and purchasing services to its [membership](#). Charter school leaders are invited to learn more about association membership by visiting [www.ncpubliccharters.org](http://www.ncpubliccharters.org) or contacting Rhonda Dillingham (336) 669-9996 [rhonda@ncpubliccharters.org](mailto:rhonda@ncpubliccharters.org)