

Charlotte A. Mitchell - Chair



Chair Charlotte Mitchell was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term that commenced on July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2023. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Mitchell moved to North Carolina to study at UNC-Chapel Hill as a Morehead Scholar. She earned a B.A. in Anthropology and Romance Languages at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she also lettered in Women's Soccer. She earned a Juris Doctor from UNC-Chapel Hill, serving as Publication Editor for the North Carolina Law Review, as well as a Master of Environmental Economics and Policy from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment.

Prior to joining the Commission, Mitchell engaged in the private practice of law, focusing on energy, environmental and land use regulatory matters. She is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and she is a former member of both the NC Mining and Energy Commission and NC Sedimentation and Control Commission. She is active in civic and community affairs, having recently served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Center of Wake County and as a Wake County Guardian ad Litem. She resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.

ToNola D. Brown-Bland



Commissioner Brown-Bland was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue in 2009 and re-appointed in 2017 by Governor Roy Cooper. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as Treasurer; Co-Chair of the NARUC Washington Action Committee and a member of both NARUC's Critical Infrastructure and Gas Committees. In addition, she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute, of which she is past Chair, as President of the National Council on Electricity Policy, and on the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. She is a Past President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her Juris Doctorate from Duke University School of Law.

Brown-Bland began her professional career as federal Law Clerk to the Honorable Alexander B. Denson, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and thereafter entered private practice in Greensboro, N.C. She later became in-house attorney for AT&T Corp. (subsequently Lucent Technologies), where she was promoted to Senior Attorney and primarily supported the company's federal contracting and related commercial technology licensing business lines in Greensboro.

She joined the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State in 2001, serving as Director of the Business License Information Office and of the Charitable Solicitations Licensing Section. Brown-Bland's experience in utility regulation began in 2002, when she accepted a position with the North Carolina Utilities Commission as an attorney in the Legal Division. From 2005 until her appointment to the Commission, she served as Associate General Counsel with the City of Greensboro.

Commissioner Brown-Bland has a history of community and civic service, having served on several boards including the Greensboro Bar Association, the Alamance County Historical Museum, and Western Piedmont Residential Services, a non-profit organization that provided residential service to autistic adults.

Daniel G. Clodfelter



Commissioner Clodfelter was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term that commenced on July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2023.

A native of Thomasville, NC, Clodfelter earned bachelor's degrees from Davidson College and Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and a law degree from Yale Law School. He served as law clerk for Judge James B. McMillan, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina from 1977-78.

Before joining the Commission, Clodfelter was in private practice with the law firm of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP in its Charlotte office, where he was a member of its Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Creditors' Rights practice group. Prior to joining Parker Poe in 2014, he had been in private practice for many years with Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.

In 1987, Clodfelter was elected to the Charlotte City Council where he served three terms ending in 1993. In 1998, he was elected to the North Carolina Senate where he served until 2014, representing a portion of Mecklenburg County. During his service in the North Carolina Senate, he held numerous positions, including co-chair of the Committee on Finance, chairman of the Judiciary One Committee, chairman of the Environmental Review Commission, co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee, and co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee.

In April 2014, the Charlotte City Council appointed Clodfelter to serve as Mayor of Charlotte to complete the unexpired term of a former mayor. He served in that position until December 2015. Clodfelter has also been active over the years as an officer and board member of numerous local and statewide community and civic organizations. He has served as a Trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation since 1982.

Clodfelter and his wife Elizabeth currently reside in Charlotte. They have two adult children.