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**STATE BOARD MEMBER TRACIE WEST ELECTED VICE
PRESIDENT OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Tonya Chestnut, Representative for District V, to Serve as President Pro Tem

Montgomery, AL – During the monthly *Alabama State Board of Education (SBOE)* meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 2023, State Board Representative for District 2, Mrs.



Tracie West, was officially elected Vice President of the SBOE.

West graduated from Auburn University College of Human Sciences in March of 1991. She launched a successful career in 1997, owning and operating a well-known business in central Alabama for more than 21 years. She also has been a licensed Realtor since 2015.

West was named Auburn Chamber of Commerce 2001 Small Businessperson of the Year and the “Spirit of Auburn” recipient in 2010 for outstanding service to the Auburn community. She is a Rotary Club member and past president.

Newly elected Alabama State Board of Education Vice President Tracie West also served more than nine years as a member of the Auburn City Schools Board of Education, including the last two years as president of that board.



State Board Representative for District 5, Dr. Tonya S. Chestnut, was elected President Pro Tem of the SBOE. She is an experienced leader and has over 30 years of instructional service. Her commitment to K-12 education is represented in her lifelong service as a pastor, educational consultant, dean of teacher education, principal coach, federal programs director, curriculum director, principal, and teacher.

Dr. Chestnut is a native of Selma, Alabama. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Jacksonville State University, a Master of Education Degree from Alabama State University in Early Childhood Education, and an Education Specialist Degree from Auburn University in Montgomery in Instructional Leadership. She earned a Doctor of Education Degree in Transformational Leadership from Concordia University.

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