

Subject: RE: FW: Public Information Act Request (NC-SEN-23-0965)
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 8:56:12 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Joshua Yost (President Pro Tem's Office)
To: AO Records
Attachments: AO PRR 9.28.23.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ms. Pintado –

This email is in response to your request for records. Our office has conducted a thorough search for relevant public records, as that term is defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132. Note also that certain documents concerning legislative matters sent to and from legislators are covered by legislative privilege and confidentiality. Without waiver of those protections and in the interest of transparency, we have provided documents responsive to your request, whether or not those documents are properly considered public records or whether such documents are otherwise privileged or confidential. Those communications are attached to this email.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions related to your request.

Sincerely,
Joshua A. Yost

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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 4:10 PM
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Subject: Public Information Act Request (NC-SEN-23-0965)

Dear Senator Phil Berger:

Please find attached a request for records under North Carolina's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Abbigail Clark (President Pro Tem's Office)

From: James K. Womack <james.k.womack [REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 02:33 PM
To: Nancy Andersen
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Subject: Re: Ncdpi lawsuit

Amazing article in CJ. Thanks for forwarding. Sure hope this educator is successful in his pursuits.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On 16 Jan 2023, at 13:29, Nancy Andersen <nca3@me.com> wrote:

First important read of 2023:

<https://www.carolinajournal.com/opinion/why-im-suing-the-nc-department-of-public-instruction/>

OPINION

Why I'm suing the NC Department of Public Instruction

DAVID PHILLIPS

JANUARY 16, 2023

Image provided by Alliance Defending Freedom

Teachers are fired nearly every day in America, for all kinds of reasons. None should include a teacher's doing exactly what he was hired to do and had done without complaint several times before.

That, however, was my experience in losing my job of eight years teaching at the North Carolina Governor's School, a residential summer program for our state's most talented, rising high-school seniors. During the 2021 session, I was dismissed without warning or explanation right after giving a series of lectures espousing the principles of free inquiry and viewpoint diversity on which the Governor's School is based.

That's an irony apparently lost on the program's administrators.

I had cherished the experience of teaching at the Governor's School since first joining its faculty in 2013. The school's own website describes it as "a safe, non-competitive intellectual environment where ideas from many disciplines are entertained and all active learners are taken seriously." That was an ideal setting for a teacher, like me, who delights in challenging students to think for themselves ... to move beyond their own biases and assumptions ... to seriously consider perspectives that differ from the current cultural waves and political fashions.

Over the years, though, I could see that the social and political shifts that have pushed critical race theory, gender identity, and other progressive philosophies to the forefront of our culture were beginning to dominate the Governor's School's faculty and curriculum — to the exclusion of other, alternative, and dissenting views.

Beginning in 2017, I shared with colleagues and administrators my concerns about the effects of these movements on our teaching, curriculum, and learning environment. Unfortunately, the Governor's School refused to address these concerns.

All faculty at the Governor's School are invited to supplement their regular course work with seminars on topics of their choosing. The seminars are optional; no student or staff member is required to attend. Several years ago, in an effort to promote viewpoint diversity and counter the increasing ideological orthodoxy I saw at the school, I began offering lectures presenting alternatives to critical race theory and identity politics and critiquing the lack of viewpoint diversity in American education.

My intention was not and has never been to persuade students to adopt my own beliefs. What I intend is that they should challenge their own presumptions, experience other points of view, and draw their own reasonable conclusions from thoughtful analysis so they will see the value in diversity of thought.

Governor's School officials understood that intention, and no one ever expressed any concerns or objections.

But in the summer of 2021, during the question-and-answer sessions following my lectures, I experienced particularly palpable hostility from some students and fellow staff. They attacked “whiteness” and “the patriarchy,” even though my lectures were about ideas, not identities. Mostly, though, they seemed to resent that anyone would dare present views contrary to critical theory.

Enduring especially aggressive pushback after my last lecture, I sought out our site director several times the next day to discuss it. He was never in his office. But I did receive word that the program coordinator wanted to meet with me that afternoon. We’d always been on friendly terms, but this meeting was cool, terse, and to the point: My time at Governor’s School was over.

When I asked why I was being fired, he said that he was “not at liberty” to discuss that with me. He said only that officials were taking the English curriculum “in a new direction.” He never said what that “new direction” was, nor why I couldn’t be a part of it. I can only presume that it entails a reversal of the principles of free inquiry and ideological diversity on which the program was founded.

I’m challenging my termination in court through my attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom because I’d like to see those principles restored. I’d like to see greater accountability among those responsible for maintaining the Governor’s School’s original mission of teaching students to think for themselves. And I’d like to be a part of that program again — helping our most gifted teens bring their fine minds to bear on the most important issues of our time.

Now that I have filed a lawsuit, government officials are moving to cover their actions against me. The superintendent of public instruction — someone I’ve never met — recently published a letter falsely accusing me of belittling students, refusing to provide an open and engaging learning environment, and even using racial slurs.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, it was I who was belittled, whose efforts to provide an open and engaging learning environment were repeatedly opposed, and whose race was denigrated. To have these baseless accusations cynically leveled against me is genuinely galling and hurtful.

What’s more, the superintendent’s claims make little sense given that the Governor’s School allowed me to teach there for eight years, presenting the same content in the same style they had approved so many times before. Indeed, the Governor’s School’s own administrators gave me performance reviews praising me for the “welcoming and engaging environment” in my classroom.

If there were ever complaints about anything I said or did, no one told me what they were, no one allowed me to respond, and no one made a serious attempt to find out what really happened. Instead, it appears they took the opportunity to get rid of

someone whose views they didn't like. Now, they're attempting to rewrite the history of what happened that summer and to redefine my character to fit their imaginary account.

Will they succeed? I know many people will assume what I might once have assumed if I heard a teacher had been axed: "He must have done something wrong." All I ask is that you seek out the facts and draw your own conclusions. Don't just blindly trust anyone's account of what happened or assume that educational administrators must surely be trying to do the right thing.

That was my mistake.

David Phillips is a professional educator in Greensboro.

Lauren Horsch (President Pro Tem's Office)

From: Major Dave Goetze <majordave@electoraleducationfoundation.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 11:04 AM
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Subject: Recommended NC Election Law Changes for the 2023-2024 Sessions
Attachments: TAB B Email File.pdf; TAB C Email File.pdf; 2023 White Paper - MASTER FILE Email version.pdf; TAB D Email File.pdf; TAB A Email File.pdf; TAB E Email File.pdf; TAB F Email File.pdf; TAB I Email File.pdf; TAB H - ERIC_Bylaws_and_Membership_Agreement_June_2022_FINAL_FOR_PUBLICATION.pdf; TAB G Email File.pdf

Apparently the email I sent earlier today was blocked at the NCGA because the file attachments were in .zip format so

am resending it now with plain text files attached.

Ongoing research into NC election statutes, data, policy and practices of the NC State Board of Elections (NCSBE) by The Electoral Education Foundation has yielded our top dozen recommendations for legislative changes for your consideration in the current session. There are also five separate, additional issues we believe require further inquiry by the NCGA to determine if they have any adverse effect on NC elections or the voters of NC..

This White Paper begins with a simple bullet list of those 12 points, followed by a narrative discussing each of them in greater detail.

The TABs contain examples from NCSBE data files and other documentation that support our requests. We offer these because we believe your action on them will both improve how elections are conducted in NC as well as bolster public confidence in our processes that has been eroded statewide and nationally over the last few years.

NC continues to lead the nation in election transparency through the amount of data made public, online at no cost to our citizens.

We invite your comments, criticisms and concerns over these issues and are prepared to host Zoom meetings online for you and your colleagues at your convenience to explain in further detail any aspect of these recommendations or to provide any additional documentation and supporting evidence you may require. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

For a better North Carolina,

"Major Dave"

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Subject: Senate Bill 560 Medical Treatment for Minors Act

Members of the NC Senate:

I urge you all to support Senate Bill 560 Medical Treatment for Minors Act. No child under the age of 18 should undergo this mutilation. Children claiming to be transgender need psychological intervention not hormonal treatment and/or surgery. Additionally, their supporters who casually advocate for "gender reassignment surgery" omit from the discussion the adverse effects of a surgery that cures no disease, removes no tumors or restores the health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony DiBona
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Abbigail Clark (President Pro Tem's Office)

From: barbara canter <barbcanter7@ [REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2024 06:12 PM
To: Sen. Phil Berger; Tim Moore
Subject: Fwd: FRACTAL

You don't often get email from barbcanter7@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Senator Berger and Representative Tim Moore,

I would like to see North Carolina adopt the program FRACTAL to clean up our voter rolls. Many states are using it now to protect our elections.

For 2024, cleaning voter rolls won't cut it. Fractal shows in state after state bad actors put those phantoms right back on the voter roll.

The Undeliverable Ballot Database stops phantom ballots from going out in the first place – not litigating afterward

Jay Valentine can be contacted at [Omega4America.com](https://www.Omega4America.com)

Check this out.

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#5499 A Woif in Sheep's Clothing?

Submitted August 12, 2023 at 8:48 AM
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John Droz August 12, 2023 at 8:48 AM

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Norman:

I'm writing to support the position of JLF (e.g., [here](#)) regarding allocating money to [NCInnovation](#) — especially **huge** sums (like \$1.4B!).

The Left is *very* adept in presenting innocuous proposals that sound wonderful, but are really mostly about advancing their political agenda.

Way too often the trusting people on the Right go along with a clever charade unto it is too late to fix.

There is some evidence of that going on here.

For example, *carefully* read this key [NCInnovation document](#). Several major red flags jump out, like:

1 - "How will NCI deploy state investments? Create a path to sustainability to ensure programs continue into perpetuity."

First of all "sustainability" is a key Leftwing buzzword. That means supporting nonsense like industrial wind energy.

Second: they want state money to continue FOREVER??? How about until they become self-sufficient?

2 - "Under Board oversight, will leverage state investments consistent with UNC System research priorities."

Why doesn't it say consistent with the **State's** research priorities?

UNC is unabashedly promoting Leftist ideologies (e.g., [here](#)), so why should the State be supporting that?

3 - I don't see the word "Science" in this key document. Why wouldn't an organization supposedly promoting future innovation businesses for our state, be heavily committed to Science-based solutions? Because *NCInnovations* is likely more supportive of *political science* ideology. (Those on the Left **hate** real Science.)

The bottom line here is that NC legislators *should* support growing NC businesses and innovation, but in this zeal they should not get tricked into directing taxpayer moneys to sources that have questionable political agendas.

Let me know any questions.

john droz, jr.
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