

**BIOGRAPHY OF
DEREK BOWENS
DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, DURHAM COUNTY, NC**

Derek Bowens joined the Durham County Board of Elections in June of 2017 as the Director of Elections. Previously, Mr. Bowens was the Director of Elections in New Hanover County, North Carolina and has served in elections since 2012 in various capacities. He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Certificate in Project Management from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He is also a North Carolina Certified Elections Administrator and is a nationally certified elections administrator through the Election Center. Throughout his career, Mr. Bowens has been nationally recognized by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the National Association of Counties (NaCo) for innovation in election administration. He has participated in or overseen multiple elections, which includes 3 presidential elections. Mr. Bowens has also sat on federal and state panels to provide analysis on critical matters related to election administration and is a member of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections (CSSE) and the North Carolina Association of Directors of Election (NCADE).