

Kenneth Cooper Alexander, the Mayor of Norfolk, is a lifelong resident of the city. He has distinguished himself through his civic, business, legislative, and community leadership.

His extensive public service includes serving in the Senate of Virginia from 2012 to 2016, where he contributed to committees on Commerce and Labor, Finance, Transportation, and Privileges and Elections.

Prior to his senatorial role, he represented the 89th District in the House of Delegates from 2002 to 2012, with involvement in committees such as Commerce and Labor, Education, Privileges and Elections, and Rules.

Before his tenure in the General Assembly, Mayor Alexander held positions in various organizations including the Norfolk Economic Development Authority, City Planning Commission (vice chair), and Human Services Commission. Additionally, he is affiliated with the Greater Norfolk Corporation, Norfolk Chapter of the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association, and is an alumnus of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership.

Mayor Alexander's community engagement began as president of Berkley's Beacon Light Civic League and Beacon Light Community Development Corporation. Notably, he started his professional journey with the City of Norfolk as a Cemetery Manager within the Department of Parks and Recreation from 1989 to 1990. Mayor Alexander is an alumnus of Norfolk's Lake Taylor High School, graduating in 1985.

Mayor Alexander serves as the chancellor of the Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Centura College, and Tidewater Tech, alongside his involvement in various community organizations. Additionally, he holds the esteemed position of president at Metropolitan Funeral Services. His educational background includes an A.A.S. degree from John Tyler Community College, a B.S. from Old Dominion University, and an M.A. from Norwich University. Furthermore, he has completed coursework in economics and political science at Hampton University and earned a Ph.D. from Antioch University.