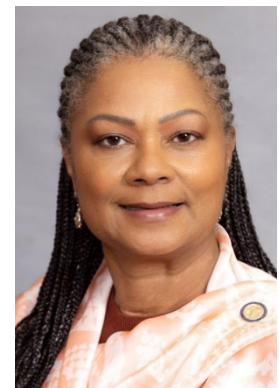


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Representative Carla Cunningham North Carolina House of Representatives

Representative Carla Cunningham has proudly served North Carolina's 106th House District since 2012, bringing more than 30 years of healthcare experience to her role in the General Assembly. A former hospice nurse and lifelong advocate for health equity, mental health, women's and children's rights, and support for vulnerable populations, she is widely respected for her leadership in advancing policies that improve the quality of life for all North Carolinians.



Her nursing career spans a broad range of specialties, including intensive care, neurology, geriatrics, pediatrics, and hospice care—and is grounded in academic achievements from Central Piedmont Community College, Gaston College, and Winston-Salem State University. In the legislature, Rep. Cunningham serves as Vice Chair of the House Health Committee and Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

In 2023, Governor Roy Cooper appointed her to the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council, and she actively serves on several advisory bodies, including the NC Minority Health Advisory Council, Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory, the NC Institute of Medicine, the Council of State Governments (CSG) South Human Services and Public Safety Committee, and the CSG South Energy and Environment Committee.

Her many honors include the 2025 Marquis Who's Who of America Recognition for career excellence and community leadership, the 2024 NC Nurses Association Legislator of the Year, the 2023 NAMI Legislator of the Year, and the Governor's Conservation Achievement Award. She is a proud member of the American Nurses Association, NC Nurses Association, and a life member of Black Nurses Rock - Greater Charlotte Chapter.

Rep. Cunningham is the widow of former legislator William "Pete" Cunningham, mother of two, grandmother of three, and great-grandmother of two. Her unwavering commitment to public service continues to drive meaningful changes in healthcare access, equity, and community well-being across North Carolina.