

Developing Excellent School Board Leaders Through Quality Training, Advocacy & Services

PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINATION FORM

<u>Personal Data</u> : (Please Attach Current Bio or Resume)	
Name Russell E. Clausell Sr	Age61(Optional)
Home Address _103 N Trinity St Geneva, Al	Phone: (w)(h)(cell)334-447-1286
Photo Enclosed (optional)	Fax: E-Mail: _Pastor.Clausell@gmail.com
Local Board Service:	
School System <u>Geneva City</u>	
Positions Held (Chair, Vice Chair, etc.) <u>Chair</u>	
Years on Local Board9_	
Date Term Expires2026	_
AASB Service/Recognition:	
List any leadership positions you have held in the AASB speaker, etc./or AASB recognition. AASB will pull you	
Committees: Executive, Pres of Advocacy, VP of Adv	ocacy, Bylaws, Reslolution, Advocacy, 2022&
2023 TOY, Ala Superintendent Commission of Citizens	ship and Character Education, 75th Anniversary
Committee, District 3 Director, Testified at House Com	<u>nmittee</u>

Officer:		
Director:	District 3	
Other:		
Statement:		

Why do you want to serve as an AASB officer?

I wish to serve as an officer for the Alabama Association of School Boards because I am deeply committed to supporting and enhancing the quality of education in our state. As an officer, I will bring my passion for education, leadership skills, and dedication to collaborate with fellow board members to advocate for policies and initiatives that benefit our students, educators, and communities. Together, we can make a positive difference in shaping the future of education in Alabama.

Other Pertinent Information:

List any other information you feel may be pertinent to the Nominating Committee.

Educating our students is vital to the future of our state and nation because it equips them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world. A well-educated population leads to economic growth, innovation, and a competitive workforce. The Alabama Association of School Boards plays a vital role in this mission by advocating for quality education, promoting effective policies, and providing support to school boards, ensuring that our education system is strong and responsive to the needs of students. I am grateful to the opportunity to be a part of this mission.

Letter of Support Attached: Yes_X_ No____

Deadline for Returning this Form: Sept. 1, 2023

Return to: AASB

ATTN: Sally Smith, Executive Director

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Biography of Russell E. Clausell Sr

Reverend Russell E. Clausell Sr., born in Monroeville, Alabama, is a man of deep faith and dedicated service. He was raised by his late parents, Mort Clausell Jr. and Nancy Clausell. Reverend Clausell graduated from Monroe County High School in Monroeville. He later pursude a degree in Biblical Studies at the Baptist College of Florida.

Following his high school graduation, Reverend Clausell joined the United States Army, where he served with unwavering commitment and retired with honor. After retiring from the military, he ventured into Retail Management and Social Work, demonstrating his passion for helping others. Notably, he founded the Special Opportunity Services (SOS) Outreach Ministry, which aims to provide support and assistance to those in need.

Reverend Clausell's spiritual journey led him to become an ordained Elder with the Archdiocese United Christian Fellowship International Ministry, where he serves as the International Mission Director. Throughout his career, he has held various pastoral positions, including serving as the assistant pastor of Saint Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Geneva, Alabama. Prior to that, he served as the pastor of Geneva Christian Fellowship Church in Geneva, Alabama, and the church administrative pastor at the United Christian Fellowship Dothan in Dothan, Alabama.

Reverend Clausell's dedication to his community is exemplified through his involvement in numerous organizations across the state of Alabama. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH), Operation Sharing Hope, and the Southeast Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (SEACH). He has also held positions such as vice president of the Houston County Job Taskforce, chaplain at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, and president of the Geneva Ministerial Association.

Currently, Reverend Clausell holds several significant roles, including District 3 Director for the Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB), president of the Geneva City School board, and chaplain for the Wiregrass Hospital. He is actively involved in the community as part of the Geneva City Planning Commission, President-Elect Geneva County Board of the United Way, Geneva Rotary Club, and the Advisory Board for Bankplus. Additionally, he serves as the president of 2:20 Ministry in Enterprise, Alabama.

Reverend Clausell cherishes his role as a father to two children: Kimberly, a dedicated RN/case manager, and Russell Jr., a pastor and Lieutenant with the East Brewton Police Dept. He takes great pride in being a grandfather to nine grandchildren.

With a steadfast belief in Matthew 6:33, Reverend Russell E. Clausell Sr. lives by the motto, "It Takes A Village," as he continues to make a positive impact in his community and beyond.