



2022 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

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Current Employer & Job Title: Physician
Time with Current Employer: 4 years
Current Job Responsibilities: primary care physician services

Questions:

1. Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

moderate philosophy. govt help with infrastructure, site development. Industry does best practices, pays living wages. Does best to protect the environment.

2. What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

16 years as a moderate caring state senator. I've focused on the 3 circles of health, education, and economy.

3. Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

Rotary, WV State Medical Assoc.
Boone Co WVU Alumni and Friends.

4. West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

lack of economic diversity,
Tax credits to locate on post mine land site.
Return more severance tax to the county of origin
Boone Co Honor's Academy

5. Do you support the passage of Amendment One on the November 2022 General Election ballot? The measure provides the legislature with the authority to repeal or phase out tangible personal property in the future, this includes tax on personal vehicles, small business inventory, and tax on manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment.

I did not.
There was (is) no mechanism to replace county tax base. cost.
I believe in the concept. I just need to know counties can make it and pay their bills

6. What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

more educated work force. healthier population.
Invest in all types of infrastructure. We are a destination location for many reasons.

7. Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

I have been at the point of the arrow dealing with this issue. invest in recovery, limit initial prescription of opioids. Undo some of the anti-public health legislation passed in the past couple years.

8. Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

Change the discriminatory makeup of the legislators
all people are equal and deserve to be
treated equal.

9. What are your specific ideas for addressing workforce skills gaps in industry? Specifically, with the growth of manufacturing jobs in the state and need for diverse and skilled labor, what are your ideas to prepare the state's current and future workforce for manufacturing jobs.

P-20 program with clusters. pilot in Boone
Co. Graduate from high school with an
associate's degree. support public education.
Invest in early childhood. huge return on investment.

10. What are your ideas for improving outcomes in the state's K-12 public education system?

Just cutting it. Treat teachers with respect.
Stop the all out assault on public education.
Early career counseling, career track, P-20

11. What ideas do you have for incorporating a focus on STEM education in our public schools and how could industry engage to support increased workforce learning models in middle and high schools, as well as career and technical education centers (vo-tech)?

I've supported STEM/STEAM for years. mentoring
programs, focus on clusters of areas of ^{need}.
nimble community college system

12. Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

ongoing dialogue with people at the table

13. What do you think West Virginia could do to promote energy diversity including the growth of renewable energy sources in the state?

Take on all of the above concept. post mine
land use with solar farms, wind, dams. for
flood protection, recreation, housing,
and electricity.

14. Many corporations have established environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria. How would such goals impact your decision making on relevant policy issues as a member of the legislature?

significantly

15. If you could work on a single piece of legislation to help support manufacturers within the state of West Virginia what would it be? and Why??

prepared work force for the good manufacturing jobs
of the future

16. Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

yes, either

17. Where may the WVMA follow you on social media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

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