

**Pearl Burris-Floyd is an American politician who previously served in the North Carolina House of Representatives representing the 110th district (including constituents in Gaston and Cleveland counties) from 2009 until 2011. A Cytologist and former Gaston County Commissioner, she now serves as the Secretary of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.**

**She was elected to the [North Carolina House of Representatives](#) in 2008 to succeed fellow Republican [Debbie Clary](#), who retired to run for the [North Carolina Senate](#). in 2010 she ran for re-election to a 2nd term, but was narrowly defeated in the primary by [Kelly Hastings](#). She ran for the seat again in 2012, where she lost to Hastings in the primary by a much wider margin. In 2020 she ran for the open office of [North Carolina Commissioner of Labor](#) being vacated by [Cherie Berry](#). In the March primary, she came in first in her home county of [Gaston](#), as well as in [Craven](#), [Carteret](#), and [Lee](#) Counties, but overall she finished 3rd behind State Representative [Josh Dobson](#) (who won the nomination) and Chuck Stanley.<sup>[1]</sup> in 2015, Burris-Floyd was appointed to the [University of North Carolina Board of Governors](#). She was re-appointed to the seat in 2019 for a term ending in 2023. She currently serves as the Board's Secretary.<sup>[2]</sup>**