



Senator Robert “Wes” Hayes

Senator Hayes, a Rock Hill attorney, was appointed to the E.O.C. in February 2005 to serve as the representative from the Senate Education Committee. He filled the term vacated by Senator Warren Giese, who resigned from the committee in 2004. Senator Hayes is a graduate of the United States Military Academy in West Point. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina and has served in the S.C. Senate since September 1991. Prior to that, he served in the SC House from 1985 to 1991. He was voted the 2006 Legislator of the year by the SC Chamber of Commerce as well as the 2010 Recipient of the David Wilkes Award from the Riley Institute at Furman University. He serves on the boards of Guardian Fidelity Mortgage Corporation, Westminster Towers, and SC Bank & Trust of the Piedmont. Hayes now serves as Chairman for the K-12

Subcommittee at both the Senate Education and Finance Committees. He served as Board Chairman of the York County Red Cross in 2004, as well as Chairman of the Rock Hill United Way Campaign in 1992. Hayes received the SC Jaycees Outstanding Young American Award in 1990. From 1975-1980, Hayes was a member of the USA, 82nd Abn. Division and is currently a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard. Hayes and his wife Sarah have three children, Robert Wesley III, James Creighton, and Margaret Mellon.