

Steve Schewel Biography

Education

- BA, 1973, Duke University
- Masters in English, 1974, Columbia University
- Ph.D. in Education, 1982, Duke University

Personal Life

- Married to Lao Rubert
- Two sons, Abraham and Solomon, both products of Durham Public Schools

Civic Engagement

- Mayor of Durham, 2017-present
- Member, Durham City Council, 2011-2017
- Member, Durham Board of Education, 2004-2008; Vice-chair, 2006-2008
- Founder and former board member, Crayons2Calculators (C2C), non-profit supplying \$1 million in free supplies to Durham Public Schools' teachers for the past twelve years
- Past Co-President, E.K. Powe PTA
- Member, School Merger Issues Task Force (chair of committee that wrote final report)
- Member, Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Durham High School (now Durham School of the Arts)
- Former member (21 years), Board of Directors, Durham Tech Community Foundation (past chair)
- Former member, Board of Directors, Urban Ministries of Durham
- Former member, Board of Directors, Durham Arts Council
- Former member, Board of Directors, Durham Public Education Network
- Former member, Community Advisory Board, WNCU Radio (N.C. Central)
- Former member, Community Advisory Board, WUNC Radio (UNC-CH)
- Former member, Board of Directors, N.C. Museum of Life and Science
- Youth soccer coach for 18 years at the YMCA, Strikers Club, Brogden Middle School, Riverside High School

Professional Life

- Founded *The Independent* (now *Indyweek*) as president and publisher in 1983 and published it for 30 years until selling the company in 2012
- Co-founded, owned and produced Hopscotch Music Festival, 2010-2015
- Teaches about social movements and political change; visiting assistant professor of public policy, Sanford School, Duke University (2000-2017)
- Former co-director, North Carolina Public Interest Research Group
- Former Instructor of English, North Carolina Central University
- Former English teacher, Jordan High School

Recognitions

- Recognized by the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association as their 2014 North Carolina “Distinguished Legislator” for his advocacy of the funding, upkeep and safety of Durham’s parks
- Keeper of the Dream Award from the Martin Luther King Steering Committee
- The People’s Award: Recognizing Durham’s Progressive Champions, from the People’s Alliance (2016)
- Reconocimiento from El Centro Hispano (2016)
- The Human Rights Award from the Durham Human Relations Commission (2016)
- Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Durham Rotary (2016)

City Council Leadership

- Member, GoTriangle Board of Directors
- Former Council liaison to the Durham Housing Authority
- Past Chair, Durham-CHC Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Past Chair, Finance Committee, Mayor’s Poverty Reduction Initiative
- Member, Audit Services Committee
- Past Council liaison to the Recreation Advisory Commission
- Past Council liaison to the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission
- Member, City Insurance Committee
- Member, Council Legislative Affairs Committee
- Member, Homeless Services Advisory Committee