

Name: James Barrett

Education: B.S. from The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, with a double major in math and computer science

Family: Married with a son at UNC-CH and a daughter in high school

Current Occupation: Software Engineer/Process Architect/Product Owner/Program Manager with Lenovo

Notable Related Work Experience:

24 years at IBM, leading IT (information technology) and systemic change projects of up to \$500 million annual spend; web development; managing high-performing teams of up to 100 people.

5 years at Lenovo, leading transformational and organizational change efforts across all server sellers.

8 years on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, including 2 as chair, leading policy development, overseeing budgets that must always be balanced, driving voter approval of bonds to renovate our older school buildings while also increasing capacity, leading a superintendent search and supervising the superintendent, and providing community values and voice into district efforts.

Community Involvement:

Volunteer tutor in classrooms; prior to being an elected official, youth basketball and baseball coach, multiple church leadership positions, including financial secretary and youth leader, and leadership in education and strategy teams of Orange County Justice United (a network of 35 organizations for social justice).

Favorite Teacher: My mother! (A teacher for 35+ years); also my high school history teacher, Freddie Kiger.