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Former West Point Mayor and Retired Suffolk Educator Begin Terms As HRSD Commissioners

R. Tyler (Ty) Bland III of West Point and **Parris D. Carson** of Suffolk have begun four-year terms as members of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission.

The owner of Tidewater Realty, **Bland** was mayor of West Point from 1992 to 1998 and served on the West Point town council from 1990 to 1998. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute.

Carson is a retired assistant superintendent for pupil personnel and special programs for Suffolk Public Schools. He is a graduate Elizabeth City State University and Virginia State University.

Commissioners, who are appointed by the governor, set policy, provide direction and approve the budget for HRSD, the regional public utility that provides wastewater treatment services for southeast Virginia.

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HRSD, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was created by public referendum in 1940 and currently serves 1.5 million people in 17 cities and counties. Our mission is to prevent pollution, protect public health, and support community development by providing wastewater collection, treatment and related services.