



Summary: A native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas with over 40 years of experience in various positions within Arkansas State Government

A native of Arkadelphia, AR Brownlee is a 1966 graduate of John E Peake High School. He attended Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR and Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, AR.

His work experience began in 1970 as a Guidance Counselor with the Upward Bound Youth Program at Ouachita Baptist University. In 1972 he served as Director of Black United Youth (BUY), Federal Emergency School Assistance Program (ESAP) with programs in Blytheville, Camden, McGhee and El Dorado, Arkansas.

Brownlee began working for the State of Arkansas at the Division of Youth Service - Wrightsville Boys Training School serving as Program Director and Interim Superintendent at Wrightsville, AR. and Treatment Director at Knox Nelson Youth Service Center, Pine Bluff, AR. 1989 - 2011 he served full-time on the Arkansas Parole Board in several capacities including chairman at the behest of Governors Bill Clinton, Jim Guy Tucker, Mike Huckabee, and Mike Beebe. Under Brownlee's leadership, the Legislature made all seven board members fulltime. In 2005 the Board became one of four Parole Agencies in the United States to be accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) and Industry Resource and Lobbying Group based in Alexandria, VA.

Brownlee's service to the State of Arkansas also included appointment to the State Election Commission, Secretary of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, Past President of the Democratic Black Caucus, and furthermore, he's served on the Little Rock Civil Service Commission, Chairman of the Urban League Board of Directors, NAACP, 33° Degree Mason, PHA, AASR, SJ, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Past President Natural State Omegas (Ques.)

Brownlee is married to Vera West Brownlee; they have three adult children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He is a member of Allison Memorial Presbyterian Church where he serves as a Teaching Elder.

Brownlee is a co-founder of the Buffaloes Foundation, Inc.

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