



Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum

Commissioner Daisy Williams Lynum was elected to the Orlando City Council on April 14, 1998. Commissioner Lynum was born in Leesburg, Florida, a small town 45 miles northwest of Orlando. She is the mother of two sons, Sean Edward (Mercedes) and Edward Juan and two granddaughters, Daniela and Ellessee.

Commissioner Lynum earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology at Bethune-Cookman University, after which she was accepted as a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar for Post Baccalaureate studies at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges in Pennsylvania. She earned a Master of Social Work at Florida State University and a teaching certification at the University of Central Florida. In 2000, Commissioner Lynum completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Executives at Harvard University and in May 2005 Florida Metropolitan University awarded Commissioner Lynum the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. She was inducted into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1966.

After more than 30 years of employment, first as a 5th grade teacher, followed by a career as a social worker and administrator for the State of Florida, Commissioner Lynum retired in 2002. Simultaneously, her community and civic involvement have included many boards and committees such as: Vice Chair of the Black Business Investment Fund (BBIF) Board; President of the National League of Cities National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; First Vice President for Women Elected to Municipal Government; Metro Plan Orlando Transportation Board; Life Member NAACP; Metro Orlando Urban League; National Black Social Workers Association/Orlando's Municipal Planning and Human Relations Boards; Florida League of Cities; and National League of Cities Board of Directors; and the 2005 Onyx Magazine Poll named Commissioner Lynum as one of 56 most influential African Americans in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Lynum's primary focus is quality of life through sustainable neighborhoods for residents in District 5 and the City of Orlando.