

## Rep. Dar'shun Kendrick District 95

## **Biography**

Dar'shun Kendrick represents House District 95 in the Georgia House of Representatives, which includes East DeKalb and South Gwinnett counties. She was elected in 2010 at the age of 27. She was sworn into the House as one of the youngest members of the Georgia General Assembly in 2011. She currently serves as the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Non-Civil (criminal law) committee, the Judiciary Juvenile Committee, Small Business Development and Jobs Creation Committee, Economic Development Committee and the Technology and Infrastructure Committee. In the past, she served on the Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee of the Technology and Infrastructure Committee, and she was appointed to the overview committee of the Georgia Technology Authority by the Speaker of the House in 2024.

She was the original founder of the Georgia Future Caucus, a bipartisan group made up of legislators under the age of 45. In 2018, her peers elected her as the Chief Deputy Whip for the Georgia House Democratic Caucus. Additionally, in 2019, she started the first Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Bipartisan Caucus of the Georgia House of Representatives. In 2020, she was elected to serve as House Whip of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, the largest black caucus in the nation. In 2024, she was appointed co-chair of the Telecommunications, Science and Technology Committee for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL). Her policy work focuses on equity in economic development and wealth creation, technology, access to capital, entrepreneurship and criminal justice reform.

Dar'shun was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia and attended Towers High School in Decatur where she graduated at the top of her class. She then went on to Oglethorpe University where she graduated in 2004 receiving a dual degree in political science and communications. She obtained her law degree from the University of Georgia in 2007. In 2011, she graduated with honors from Kennesaw State University with a Master in Business Administration. In 2010, she opened Kairos Capital Legal Advisors, a corporate law firm and registered investment advisory firm in Georgia that guides founders and funders through capital raising compliance and investment strategies, particularly for women founders and black founders. In 2019, she obtained her series 65 license and is currently a registered investment adviser representative in the State of Georgia. She is the author of the inspirational book "Morning to Motivation," which was published in 2021 and "Closer to a Yes: The Founder's Guide to Getting Noticed by Investors," published in 2024.

Dar'shun has been featured in the Huffington Post as 1 of 25 people in Atlanta positioned to create diversity in tech for African Americans and in the Atlanta Journal Constitution for business women running for office. She is the visionary and founder of Georgia's first and only Tech for All Policy Conference which has a mission of collaboration between the black tech ecosystem and policy makers to advocate for inclusive tech policy within the state of Georgia. It has since formed as a separate entity under Tech for All Alliance, Inc., and the conference has been rebranded to Tech for All Policy Conference. In 2019, she received the Rising Star Award for the Urban League of Greater Atlanta's Young Professionals and awarded the "40 under 40" award by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. In 2024, she hosted the first ever Tech Demo Day at the Capitol, bringing founders and funders of color to meet policy makers at the Georgia State Capitol. She was a finalist for the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) Emerging Leader award in 2024.

Dar'shun is a community activist, public speaker, elected official, private securities attorney, registered investment adviser representative, founder, investor, published author and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She currently resides in Lithonia, Georgia with her dog Dezzy.

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