

February 17, 2026

Ms. Kelley,

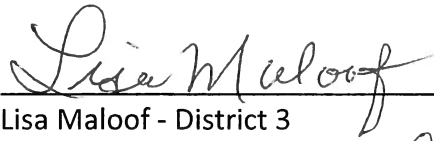
This letter is to document and summarize the actions of the Barrow County Board of Education to censure you for your conduct, including violations of policy. Your actions surrounding a traffic stop in Auburn and subsequent follow-up meeting with Solicitor Scanlin and Chief Hodge are embarrassing to this Board and unbecoming of a Board member.

During a traffic stop on December 7, 2025, in which your son was driving the vehicle while you were in the passenger seat, you informed the officer that you were an elected official. Following that stop, you and your son met with Solicitor Scanlin and Chief Hodge on January 21, 2026. During that meeting you stated that you were a school board member at least two different times and placed your district identification/nametag on the desk in front of the solicitor. Through these statements and actions, you attempt to get the ticket dismissed for your son.

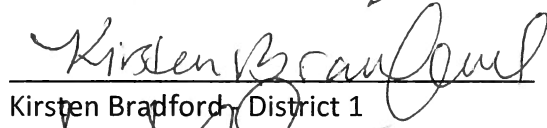
Further, during the meeting with Solicitor Scanlin and Chief Hodge, you repeatedly accused Officer Garcia of retaliatory conduct in the issuance of this traffic citation. You indicated that the citation was motivated by the fact that Officer Garcia's child suffered physical injuries during the Apalachee shooting on September 4, 2024. These actions vilify a shooting victim from this tragic incident for personal gain while undermining the work of the Board and district, making positive and productive relationships with the community more difficult. Moreover, this conduct has the potential to cause reputational and fiscal harm to the district, further undermining the work of educating the youth of Barrow County.

In your meeting with Board Chair Maloof and Vice Chair Maddox, you acknowledged that your conduct potentially violated Board policy. Additional follow up regarding your conduct included collecting information from, Officer Garcia, Chief Hodge, Solicitor Scanlin, Councilman Sisk, and a request for both you and your son to share additional information and perspective, which you declined.

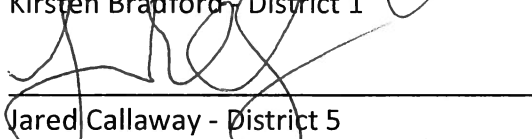
For the reasons outlined above, the Barrow County Board of Education votes to formally censure you for conduct and behavior. This action and letter are to provide a united voice through which we make clear that we have lost confidence in your ability to appropriately represent the Board and request you resign from your position.



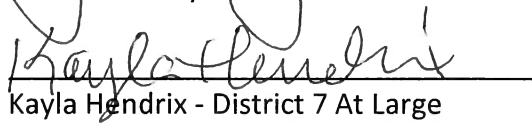
Lisa Maloof - District 3



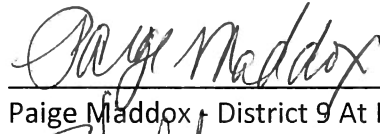
Kirsten Bradford - District 1



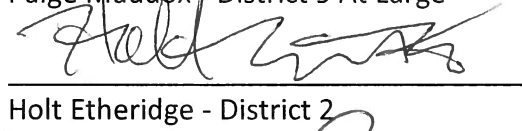
Jared Callaway - District 5



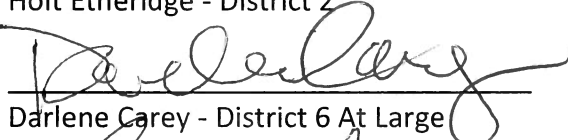
Kayla Hendrix - District 7 At Large



Paige Maddox - District 9 At Large



Holt Etheridge - District 2



Darlene Carey - District 6 At Large



Renee Lord - District 8 At Large