

ALABAMA

Voters in Alabama will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 105 Alabama State House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 35 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of all branches of government.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Yolanda Flowers \(D\)](#)

Yolanda Flowers (D) defeated Malika Sanders-Fortier (D) in a runoff election after neither of the two candidates received a majority of votes in the Democratic primary. She has been involved in academia for 20 years, working as a reading instructor, a speech, language, and pathologist assistant, a vocational rehabilitation counselor, and a substitute teacher.

If elected governor, Flowers plans to prioritize education reform. She is a proponent of legalizing a state lottery program to fund education infrastructure and increase teacher pay. (Lotteries and other forms of gambling are currently banned by Alabama's constitution. The legislature would need to enact an amendment which would then go before the voters.) She also proposes that individualized education plans be developed for each student to suit their specific needs.

Flowers believes that Alabama's healthcare system needs to be reconstructed. She also plans to expand Medicaid and make prescription drugs more affordable with funding from a potential lottery.

She plans to work with nonprofits to facilitate the growth and development of formerly incarcerated individuals. She states that although she believes the state's correctional facilities need funding, she does not approve of the decision of her opponent, Governor Kay Ivey (R), to allocate money to build more prisons.

She also supports raising the state's minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Trivia: Flowers has three children, twelve grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.