

David R. Epperson, Ph.D., Architect

Dr. Epperson graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts. Upon graduation he went to work with KBJ Architects in Jacksonville, Florida as a Staff Architect for four years. Dr. Epperson then accepted the position of School Consulting Architect with the State of Florida. While in this position he also pursued graduate work at Florida State University receiving a Master of Science in Educational Administration and a Ph.D. in Planning with a minor in Statistics. After completing his studies at Florida State University he was appointed State Research Architect for the State of Florida Department of Education a position he held for ten years. Subsequently, Dr. Epperson accepted the position of Director of Facilities Planning and Construction for the Escambia District Schools in Pensacola, Florida and was later promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Schools in charge of operational services. In 1996 he was awarded a grant to attend Harvard University for two summers where he specialized in educational facilities planning for setting up technology applications in school systems.

While with the Escambia County Schools Dr. Epperson was in charge of school facility design and construction, maintenance and operations, and transportation all with a total annual budget in excess of thirty million dollars and a student population of 45,000. He served a total of thirty one years in Florida public service retiring in 2001.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.), and holds professional architectural registration in the states of Florida, Georgia and Tennessee (ret.). He is also certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, is a past President of the Council of Educational Facilities Planners in the State of Florida, and was President of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the A.I.A. He is a past member of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) and has published articles on facility planning for the CEFPI Journal as well as serving as the journal issue editor for two years. Dr. Epperson also has an interest in photography having won recognition in a number of Photography shows and was a finalist in "The Best of Photography Annual for 1986". He has specialized in black and white and infrared photography.

Dr. Epperson accepted a position as Adjunct Professor with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the Department of Interior Design where he teaches Basic Computer Aided Design (CAD), Advanced Three Dimensional Design with CAD, Model Building, and Codes and Specifications. He enjoys working with the students especially in the area of computer graphics.

Dr. Epperson is serving his third elected term as Alderman for the Town of Walden, Tennessee where he and his wife reside.