Phillip is a Jacksonville native who moved to Austin in 2006. After high school he attended Henderson State Teachers College and the University of Arkansas. After college, he worked in the insurance business for thirty seven years in the Management Information System areas. He was the vice president of the Management Information System area for one of the largest insurance companies in Arkansas. After his retirement from the insurance company he joined the Arkansas Department of Education designing and writing computer systems for the Child Nutrition Section of the Education Department. He later transferred to the Finance Area of the Department of Education where he also designed computer systems to manage the Federal Grants received by the Education Department and was charged with managing those grants. He was involved in converting the education department to the current state accounting system (AASIS). He retired from the Arkansas Department of Education in 2005.

Phillip is married to the former Velma Williams who was born and raised in Sylvania. He has two sons, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren which all live in the Cabot and Austin area.

He was appointed to the Austin city council in 2012 to the Ward 2 Position 2 when a previous council member resigned.

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