

Jim Strickland was sworn in for his second term as Mayor of Memphis on January 1, 2020. Jim was previously elected to the Memphis City Council in October 2007 and re-elected in October 2011. He was Chairman of the City Council in 2014 and served as Chair of the Budget Committee for two years.

Jim and his wife, Melyne, have two children.

Education

Christian Brothers High School	1982
University of Memphis	
B.B.S. (magna cum laude)	1986
J.D. (with honors)	1989

Profession

Mayor of Memphis	2016 – present
Kustoff & Strickland, PLLC	1998 – 2016
Glankler Brown, PLLC	1990 – 1998
Tennessee Supreme Court	1989 – 1990
Clerk for Justice Wm. H.D. Fones	
University of Memphis Law School	1989 – 1996
Adjunct Instructor	

Community

Youth Basketball Coach	1984 – 2001, 2009 – 2014
University of Memphis Student Body President	1985 – 1986
St. Vincent de Paul Society Soup Kitchen Volunteer	1989 – 2020
Kiwanis Club of Memphis	1994 – present
Memphis Botanic Garden, Board of Directors (President)	1997 - 2007
Sunday School Teacher (St. Louis Church)	1998 - 2006
Alpha Omega Veterans Services, Inc. (volunteer legal counsel)	1999 - 2015
Habitat for Humanity, Board of Directors	2000 - 2004
Memphis/Shelby County Board of Adjustment	2000 - 2007
Leadership Memphis	2004 - 2005
University of Memphis Tiger Scholarship Fund Board of Directors	2005 - 2012
Memphis City Council	2008 – 2015
Chairman	2014
University of Memphis Alumni Association National - Board of Directors	2009 – 2015
Leadership Tennessee	2017– 2018

Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors	2016 – present
Mississippi River Cities and Towns Imitative Executive Committee	2016 - present
Co-Chair	2021 - present

Honors

Memphis Flyer, Top 40 under 40	1996
Memphis Business Journal, Top 40 under 40	1998
Sam A. Myar, Jr. Memorial Award (2 nd highest award of Memphis Bar Association)	2002
Richard S. Borys Award (contributions to Vollintine-Evergreen community)	2008
Christian Brothers High School – Hall of Fame	2010
Sierra Club – We’re Glad We Elected You Award	2011
Rotary Club of Memphis East	2012
Bobby Dunavant Public Servant Award (for distinguished work by an elected public servant)	
Commercial Appeal Best Local Politician	2016 - present
National Assoc. of Women Business Owners Star Award	2017
MWBE Champion	2018
University of Memphis Commencement Speaker	2018
Dream Keepers Award, Last Psalm Ministries	2018
WLOK Radio - Courage in Politics Award	2018
Christian Brothers University Honorary Doctor of Public Service and Commencement Speaker	2019
Memphis Urban League – Diamond Award	2019
NAACP Memphis Branch – Presidential Award	2019
Rep. Barbara Cooper – Harriet Tubman Living Legend Award	2019
Southern College of Optometry Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and Commencement Speaker	2021
Ida B. Wells Memphis Memorial Committee Impact Award	2021
Leadership Memphis-Community Champion of the year to City Government	2022

Memberships

Tennessee Bar Association	1990 – present
Memphis Bar Association	1990 – present
University of Memphis Alumni Association Life Member	2002 – present
Memphis Bar Foundation	2005 – present
Tennessee Bar Foundation	2020 – present
NAACP, Silver Life Membership	2009 – present

