

When [Alana Edwards](#) recently defeated two-term incumbent [Odessa Ashley](#) in the [Birmingham City School Board](#) District 7 [runoff last week](#), she became the youngest person elected to serve on that board.

The niece of Columbus, Mississippi's first African American city councilman, Edwards' hometown paper, *The Commercial Dispatch*, filed [this brief](#) in today's newspaper - [a user-submitted brief](#) we might add.