



Wednesday, January 10, 2024 | 1:00 PM

## ARC Board Meeting

ARC Conference Center | 229 Peachtree Street NE | Atlanta, GA 30303

The meeting agenda with all presentations and references can be found at:  
[www.atlantaregional.org/board](http://www.atlantaregional.org/board)

- I. **Call ARC Board Meeting to Order** – *Andre Dickens, Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** — *Andre Dickens, Chair*
- III. **Public Comment**
- IV. **Oath of Office by New and Re-Elected Board Members:** **Robert (Bob) Reeves** *Citizen Member, District 3*, **Sara Ray**, *Citizen Member, District 5*, **Liane Levetan**, *Citizen Member, District 7*, **Greg Cantrell**, *Citizen Member, District 8*, **Kerry Armstrong**, *Citizen Member, District 9*, **Thomas (Tom) Meinhart**, *Citizen Member, District 12*, **Michelle Cooper Kelly**, *Citizen Member, District 13*
- V. **Chairman's Comments** — *Andre Dickens, Chair*
- VI. **Consent Agenda** – *Andre Dickens, Chair*
  - A. November 8, 2023 Joint Meeting Summary
- VII. **ARC Board Action Items** — *Andre Dickens, Chair*
  - A. 2024 Officers and Committees  
*Andre Dickens, Chair*

ARC currently has four officer positions consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chair is elected on a two-year term, and then appoints the remaining officers, Committee and Subcommittee Chairs, and Committee and Subcommittee rosters for the same term, subject to the approval of the Board. The new term began on January 1, 2024.
  - B. 2024 ARC Year at-a-Glance

ARC is required to set a calendar of annual meetings of the Board and standing committees. This is done through the ARC Year at a Glance Calendar posted on the Board Portal which also provides notice of the meeting schedule to the public.
- VIII. **Executive Director's Report** — *Anna Roach, Executive Director & CEO*

## IX. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

### A. Green Communities

*Crystal Jackson*, Planning Manager, Climate + Sustainability, Natural Resources

The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program for jurisdictions in the 11-county Atlanta Region to encourage local governments to become more environmentally sustainable. This presentation provides a brief overview of the program and recognizes the seven communities who received recertification in 2023.

### B. Climate Actions

*Jon Philipsborn*, Climate and Resilience Manager, Natural Resources

ARC is taking a regional approach to climate action. This presentation will discuss:

- Two major trends influencing the region: increasing extreme weather events and changing conditions, and energy transformation
- Significant investment of federal funding exists now to address these trends
- ARC is taking action, integrating across departments and already securing funding to implement relevant planning and projects.

ARC has established an Energy and Climate Council that held our first meeting in November

### C. Legislative Outlook

*John Bayalis*, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

A brief look ahead at both state and federal government horizons, including a review of items our Government Affairs team will be watching during the 2024 state legislative session.

### D. **Aging:** Live Beyond Expectations Update

*Becky Kurtz*, Senior Managing Director, Aging & Independence Services

The ARC Board approved the 2020-2025 Live Beyond Expectations Strategic Framework, which focuses on disparities in life expectancy within our region, in 2020. Since then, the Aging & Independence Services Department has been taking a deep dive into better understanding 10 census tracts in our region with low life expectancy.

This presentation will:

- summarize what staff learned from the community engagement process;
- inform Board members how they can access more detailed county-level data; and
- invite Board members to be involved in next steps of identifying solutions and leveraging resources for these communities.

## X. Adjourn

### Upcoming Meetings

4th Wed: **January 24, 2024** (Pension, ACA) | 2nd Wed: **February 14, 2024** (GOV, ARC BOARD/TAQC)