



Atlanta Regional Commission



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

October 23, 2019

Citizen District Election Results Announced

Chairman Kerry Armstrong announced the following results from the citizen district elections. The following have been elected to sit on the board beginning January 1 but will not be sworn in until January 22.

Citizen District 3	portions of Fayette and Fulton Counties	Robert “Bob” Reeves
Citizen District 5	portions of Cobb, Douglas, Fulton, and Atlanta	Angelia O’Neal
Citizen District 7	portion of DeKalb County	Liane Levetan
Citizen District 8	portion of Gwinnett County	Greg Cantrell
Citizen District 9	portion of Gwinnett County	Kerry Armstrong
Citizen District 12	portion of Fulton County	Julie Keeton Arnold
Citizen District 13	portion of Cobb County	Deanne Bonner

Title VI Plan Approved by ARC Board

The ARC Board adopted the 2019 update to its Title VI Plan. As a recipient of federal funds and in accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ARC's plan ensures nondiscrimination in the agency's public participation process. In previous versions, this plan has concentrated on ARC's Transportation work; updates in this version better reflect all of ARC's programs. This vote was originally teed up for September; however, there was no vote at that meeting due to a lack of quorum.

- [Title VI Plan](#)
- [Title VI Plan Resolution and Summary](#)
- [Title VI Plan Update Presentation](#)

Five Party Agreement Approved by ARC Board

The ARC Board approved the this five-party agreement among ARC, ATL, GDOT, GRTA, and MARTA.

Federal rules governing metropolitan transportation planning require ARC, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Atlanta region, to work with state agencies and transit operators to define their roles and responsibilities in the planning process and formalize that understanding in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). A new Five-Party MOA has been negotiated between ARC, ATL, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA. This vote was originally set for September; however, there was no vote at that meeting due to a lack of quorum.

- [Five Party Agreement Resolution](#)

ARC 2020 Work Program and Budget Outlined

ARC Executive Director Doug Hooker presented details of the agency's 2020 work program and budget. He noted the program aligns with the three main elements of the Atlanta Region's Plan: World-Class Infrastructure; Healthy, Livable Communities; and Competitive Economy.

Highlights of the work program include:

- Adopt and implement the metro housing strategy
- Implement enhanced Aging & Independence Services programs, including a new behavioral health coaching partnership with area housing authorities.
- Continue and expand the ConnectATL program
- Complete a major update of the Atlanta Region's Plan, which includes a Regional Transportation Plan, Community Development Plan, and elements from aging, workforce, natural resources and homeland security.
- Continue UASI work in support of NCAA Final Four events and 2021 MLB All-Star Game.
- Develop and implement an ARC Strategic Communications Plan.
- Complete Board Engagement Task Force work and implement recommendations adopted by the Board.

Mr. Hooker also discussed the 2020 budget, which anticipates expenditures of \$92 million. Budget objectives include:

- Maintaining an appropriate fund balance
- Using local dues to match federal grants
- Seeking additional grant and sponsorship revenues
- A 2.5% average merit compensation

Next steps include gathering feedback from board members and grantors, with adoption by the ARC Board on Dec. 4.

- [2020 Annual Work Program & Budget Summary Presentation](#)

Regional Workbook for Complete Streets Presented for First Read

Byron Rushing, ARC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, presented the Regional Workbook for Complete Streets to the ARC Board for its first reading. The workbook acts as a supplement to ARC's [Walk, Bike, Thrive! plan](#) that supports the goal of helping the region become "one of the most connected and safest regions in the United States for walking and bicycling." The workbook seeks to guide the implementation of complete streets in metro Atlanta, recognizing that the needs in urban centers are generally different than those of more suburban areas. Before the workbook, a lot of guidance existed on implementing good complete streets in city centers, but not as much guidance existed for metro suburbs.

The workbook does not seek to define complete streets, as they can be different based on the context of the area, but instead present the best practices for implementing complete streets elements. The workbook is particularly important for parts of the region that have major arterial roads, the complete streets workbook can help them navigate improvements for congestion, pedestrian safety, bus stops, and more.

The Regional Workbook for Complete Streets will be up for Board action on December 4, 2019.

- [Regional Workbook for Complete Streets Presentation](#)
- [Regional Workbook for Complete Streets Draft Resolution](#)

Metro Atlanta's Best and Brightest Convene for the Regional Leadership Institute

Dr. Folashade Alao, who leads the Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) delivered an update on the 2019 class, which convened in late September. Experts and thought-leaders from a variety of subject-areas participated in the week-long summit in Savannah. RLI works on the assumption that our regional issues require both individual and collaborative action, providing the opportunity for leaders to come together and develop solutions that are holistic and interconnected.

The 2019 session kicked off with a workshop on Race, Equity, and Inclusion, setting the stage for the remainder of the program's focus on the region's challenges with income inequality, economic mobility, affordable housing, education, and others. Leaders shared the challenges faced in their own roles, and

received and offered advice to others, establishing a network of resources that could be accessed long after the participants departed Savannah.

The next round of RLI applications opens in February.

- [Regional Leadership Institute Presentation](#)

Announcements and References

- The ARC Annual State of the Region Breakfast is Friday, November 8, at 7:30 a.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center.
- The GA Association of Regional Commissions Annual Training Conference is November 6-8, 2019, at St. Simons.
- Save the date for the Green Communities 10th Anniversary symposium on Wednesday, December 4, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design at Georgia Tech.
- Save the date for the next *empowerline* forum: “In Plain Sight: Elder Protection,” on December 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., held at Heffner Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 4882 Lavista Road, Tucker 30084
- Save the date for the next Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board Meeting and annual customer/business recognition awards on December 10, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

The next ARC Committee Day is Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019.

The next ARC Board meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at 1 p.m.