



**DATE:** May 10, 2023

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**      **Officer Appointment**

**FROM:**      W. Kerry Armstrong, Board Chair

**IMPORTANCE:**

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 for the same term, subject to the approval of the Board. The term is currently set to end on December 31, 2023.

On April 5, 2023, Governor Brian Kemp suspended Dr. Romona Jackson Jones from office as the Chair of Douglas County. This action similarly removed Dr. Jackson Jones from the ARC Board, and from the roles of Secretary of the Board, Chair of the Ethics Subcommittee, and Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Aging. Due to that vacancy, I am hereby recommending Harry Johnston to be appointed as the Secretary of the Board and duly the Chair of the Ethics Subcommittee. I have also appointed Bob Reeves as Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Aging.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

*Appointment Approval*



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE  
OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND SUBCOMMITTEES LIST**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission is a Regional Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-30, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-88 authorizes such a commission to elect officers as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the commission; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-98 authorizes such a commission to adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations concerning all aspects of its functions and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Article VII, Section C of the Bylaws of the Atlanta Regional Commission, first adopted September 10, 1971, and amended through December 2, 2020, details the duties of Secretary of the Board, including that vacancies shall be filled as the appointment process which is by the Chair subject to approval of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, precedent has established the adoption of an officer and committee slate by the Board with the authority for the Chair to make interim committee appointments as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 5, 2023, the positions of Board Secretary, Ethics Subcommittee Chair, and Advisory Committee on Aging Co-Chair are vacant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission hereby adopts the revised 2023 Officers, Committees, and Governance Sub-Committees list as attached, which includes the appointment of Harry Johnston as Board Secretary and Ethics Subcommittee Chair and Bob Reeves as the Advisory Committee on Aging Co-Chair; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission authorizes the Chair of the ARC Board to make committee roster changes as needed through the remainder of the current Chair term which will result in an updated list to be posted on the ARC Board Portal.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on May 10, 2023.

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Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Executive Assistant/Board Secretary