



Atlanta Regional Commission



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

September 25, 2019

Elections for Citizen-Members Set for October 23 at ARC

Chairman Kerry Armstrong reminded board members that the ARC board will elect sitting citizen members for those posts which have nominees at a caucus led by Fulton County Chairman Robb Pitts on October 23. Terms for citizen district posts 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13 are set to expire. Board members may nominate candidates by emailing Charissa White-Fulks at cwhite-fulks@atlantaregional.org and including the nominee's name and address. Current sitting members are eligible.

Nominees...

- must be residents of the districts they represent. (Please see district map below.)
- cannot hold elective or appointed public office or be employed by any political jurisdiction in the region.

Each nominee will be vetted regarding these points, and board members are encouraged to make nominations even in cases in which they are unsure about them.

- **The Atlanta Region Citizen District Map**

No Vote on Title VI Plan Update Due to Lack of Quorum

Although a vote was teed up for changes that would better reflect the full scope of the Atlanta Regional Commission's work, there was no vote on a plan update to Title VI due to lack of a quorum.

As a recipient of federal funds and in accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ARC has developed a 2019 update to its Title VI Plan. This 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.

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

No Vote on Five-Party Agreement Due to Lack of Quorum

Because of a lack of quorum, there was no vote on the new proposed 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 — and all agencies are scheduled to take approval action in August or September 2019

- [Five-Party Agreement Resolution](#)

Government Cuts Affecting Aging & Independence Services in Metro Atlanta

The federal government is requiring state agencies to take a 4% cut in the fiscal year budget effective October 1. The cuts will impact Home and Community Based Services, including Nutrition Services. This includes services in the home such as meals, personal care, and homemaking, as well as community services such as transportation or meals and activities in senior centers.

These cuts likely mean that people who need these services will be placed on waitlists.

Fund Source (state funds only)	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20 (July)	July (FY 20) compared to FY 19	FY 20 Revised (October)	Reduction
Home and Community-Based	6,100,104	5,757,645	6,197,384	+439,739 (8%)	5,978,350	-219,034 (4%)

Services (HCBS)						
Nutrition Services	660,800	708,772	967,211	+265,981 (38%)	928,523	-36,688 (4%)
Total Reduction						-257,722

Natural Resources Presents Several Key Updates

- Oral Arguments on Water Wars to Be Held on November 6**
 On November 6, there will be an oral argument held before the new special master in Florida v. Georgia. Earlier this year, the former special master resigned. In November, no new evidence will be presented.
- New Stormwater Ordinance Set for Comment Period, Approval**
 The ordinance sets requirements regarding how stormwater is managed after construction takes place. In October, the proposed ordinance goes up for a 30-day comment period. After it is approved by the governing board of the North Georgia Metro Water District, counties and cities must pass it.
- Changes in Biosolids Management**
 District utilities have experienced a sharp increase in the cost of disposal of biosolids. While for many years, disposal in landfills has been the least-expensive option, recently this method of disposal caused a potentially-dangerous slope failure at one Georgia landfill. As a result of this event and others like it across the country, many landfills have increased their tipping fees significantly. The North Georgia Metro Water District is working on regional solutions in terms of new options for disposal by convening regional partners, gathering key data, and talking with utilities.
- Dry Conditions in Metro Atlanta**
 It's dry across the entire metro region, especially in our southern counties. Although the EPD has made no declaration of a drought at this point, it is key to continue to talk about how to maintain our resilience in this region where we are prone to cycles of rain and drought.

Announcements and References

- The Regional TDM Summit will take place October 9, 2019 at the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.
- ARC's Annual State of the Region Breakfast takes place Friday, November 8, 2019 at the Georgia World Congress Center.
- The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions Annual Training Conference will take place November 6-8, 2019 at St. Simons.
- Green Communities' 10th Anniversary event will take place Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the Georgia Tech Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design.

- The Empowerline forum “In Plain Sight: Elder Protection” will take place December 10, 2019 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

The next ARC Committee Day is Thursday, October 10, 2019.

The next ARC Board meeting is Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 1 p.m.