

Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

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Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless – [One Term Expired]

Minimum requirements (Four-year term):

Each member of the Authority shall be a resident of Chatham County or work in the County at the time of appointment and while holding office as a member of the Authority.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- Vernon Jones – Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- **Montana L. Tohm (D1), received August 10, 2021**
- **Miriam Munn (D5), received November 10, 2021**
- **Willie Stephens (County Resident), received October 27, 2023**
- **Sharon H. O'Connor (County/Thunderbolt Resident), received November 8, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received January 9, 2024**

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Civil Service Board – [One Vacancy]

Minimum requirements (Six-year term):

No person shall be appointed to the Board who is not a citizen of the United States and a resident of Savannah for at least five (5) years preceding such appointment. All of said members shall be appointed to the Board by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Nicole Cannonier resigned whose term expired December 31, 2023)

Applications received:

- ~~Christopher D. Hanks (Port Wentworth Resident), received August 5, 2021~~
- Melvin A. Nesbitt (D6), received August 9, 2021
- Teketha S. Kelley Hill (D1), received August 10, 2021
- Andrew L. Lawrence (D1), received August 10, 2021
- Raven George (D5), received September 11, 2021
- Sharon Wanda Aikens (D1), received October 11, 2023
- ~~Gregory S. Jackson (Employee & County Resident), received January 26, 2024~~
- Amber N. Robbins (D1), received February 13, 2024

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Cultural Affairs Commission – [Six Vacancies and Five Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

In selecting persons for appointment, the mayor and aldermen shall endeavor to provide representation from public and private educational institutions, from business and industry, and from such other groups and citizens as will provide a commission representative of the entire community. Persons selected for appointment shall not be a paid staff member of an art agency, but shall have an interest in the arts and in programs to use the arts to enhance the quality of life in the community. A member of the council shall not serve for more than two consecutive three-year terms.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Antonio Hunter resigned November 9, 2023)
- VACANCY (Rob Hessler resigned November 6, 2023)
- VACANCY (KeyShawn Housey resigned June 21, 2023)
- VACANCY (Barbara Essig, resigned December 12, 2023)
- VACANCY (Emilee J. Cantrell Kornegay resigned August 9, 2023)
- VACANCY (Tana Fileccia-Flagg resigned August 16, 2023)
- Sharon Wanda Aikens – 2nd Term expired December 31, 2023
- Andrea Hall-Houston – 2nd Term expired December 31, 2023
- Michael Chaney – 2nd Term expired December 31, 2023
- Kareem McMichael – 2nd Term expired December 31, 2023
- Patrick A. Kelsey – 2nd Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- **Danielle Debien (D4), received October 18, 2020**
- **Chelsea L. Voss (County Resident), received November 3, 2020**
- **Jerrae M. Williams (D1), received December 15, 2020**
- **Zachariah E. Karatassos (County Resident), received March 25, 2021**
- **Andrew L. Lawrence (D1), received August 10, 2021**
- **Montana L. Tohm (D1), received August 11, 2021**
- **Steven C. Morgan (D2), received August 19, 2021**
- **Samuel Alai (D2), received August 19, 2021**
- **Casey M. Schachner (D6), received September 14, 2021**
- **Nicholas Fazio (D2), received October 27, 2021**
- **Renee S. Rubens (D5), received November 22, 2021**
- **Tammy Perkins (D6), received November 30, 2021**
- **Marisa G. Pierce (County Resident), received October 19, 2022**

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- **Travis Wathen (D2), received November 9, 2022**
- **Billie M Stultz (D3), received November 12, 2022**
- **Matthew Emmer (D1), received November 14, 2022**
- **Lawrence Jean-Louis (D6), received January 2, 2023**
- **Austin M. Rojas (D2), received March 5, 2023**
- **Boyer Bazelais (D5), received August 26, 2023**
- **Brian L. Judson (D6), received November 10, 2023**
- **Arthur F. Shuey (D3), received December 19, 2023**
- **Catherine Killingsworth (D3), received December 27, 2023**
- **Sarah B. Smith (D4), received December 27, 2023**
- **Kinte K. Taylor-Steverson (D3), received January 1, 2024**
- **Gwendolyn Frazier (D3), received January 8, 2024**
- **Chad A. Faries (County Resident), received January 21, 2024**
- **Sinisa Ciric (County Resident), received February 13, 2024**
- **Sarah Arkins (County Resident), received February 19, 2024**

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Downtown Savannah Authority – [One Vacancy and Two Expired Terms]

Minimum requirements (Four-year term):

Shall be residents and qualified voters of the City of Savannah.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Jerrae Williams resigned May 19, 2025, due to change in residency)
- Joseph N. Bell, Jr. – Term expired May 31, 2023
- **Kevin Finley – Term expired May 31, 2023**

Applications received:

- **Guy M. Minick (D4), received August 15, 2021**
- **Renee S. Rubens (D5), received November 30, 2021**
- **Christian J. Steinmetz III (D4), received August 26, 2022**
- **Kevin Finley (D2), received April 4, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023 & January 9, 2024**
- **Zachary H. Thomas (D2), received October 27, 2023**

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Greater Savannah International Alliance – [Five Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

Interest in International issues, and/or a. be active in local or community affairs; b. have background knowledge or experience related to international affairs, activities or commerce and/or the international linkages (current and potential) of the Savannah Metropolitan Area; c. have specific skills or knowledge that would assist the work of the Greater Savannah International Alliance; or d. have unique skills and a demonstrably strong interest in representing Savannah to international groups/individuals.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Francis X. Hayes – Term expired December 31, 2023**
- Dr. Gina Smith – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Dominic Porter – Term expired December 31, 2023
- LeAndrea Mikell – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Ruby C. Hall – Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- **Melanie G. C. Smith (County Resident), received July 9, 2021**
- **Kristin R. Kasting-Karam (County Resident), received August 6, 2021**
- **Montana L. Tohm (D1), received August 11, 2021**
- **John V. Grimaldi (County Resident), received August 13, 2021**
- **Colleen C. Cunningham (D1), received November 19, 2021**
- **Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz (D6), received January 4, 2022**
- **Tanvi Chauhan (D3), received July 20, 2023**
- **Francis X. Hayes (D6), received November 8, 2023**
- **Sharon H. O'Connor (Thunderbolt Resident), received November 8, 2023**

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Historic District Board of Review – [One Vacancy]

Minimum requirements:

Members of the Historic Board of Review shall reside within the city limits of Savannah.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (David Altschiller resigned February 9, 2024)

Applications received:

- Andrew L. Lawrence (D1), received August 10, 2021
- John E. Wright (D4), received August 13, 2021
- Guy M. Minick (D4), received August 16, 2021
- Kiersten Conner (D2), received August 16, 2021
- Thomas L. Thomson (D4), received August 17, 2021
- Eli W. Lurie (D1), received August 19, 2021
- Meagan Bowley (D4), received August 19, 2021
- Michael Higgins (D2), received August 20, 2021
- Roger Moss (D2), received August 20, 2021
- Melissa H. Rowan (D2), received August 20, 2021
- Julian Gee (D2), received August 22, 2021
- Susan R. Myers (D2), received December 3, 2021
- ~~Richard H. Law (County Resident), received August 7, 2022~~
- Mariel Hamer (D2), received October 27, 2022 and December 12, 2023
- Robert G. Becker (D2), received November 24, 2022
- Debra Caldwell (D2), received December 12, 2022
- Gregory R. Sanders (D1), received December 14, 2022
- Sabrina Nagel (D2), received Jan 27, Feb 1, Mar 22, and Dec 13, 2023
- Michael C. Johnson (D4), received February 22, 2023
- Austin M. Rojas (D2), received March 5, 2023
- Courtney Grunninger Bonney (D4), received June 20, 2023
- ~~Jan B. Bryant (County/Port Wentworth Resident), received June 28, 2023~~
- ~~Sharon H. OConnor (County/Thunderbolt Resident), received November 8, 2023~~
- Sara L. Woodfield (D2), received February 20, 2024

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Historic Preservation Commission – [Two Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements:

Members shall be City residents and must demonstrate a special interest in the preservation of historic resources.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- Rebecca Fenwick – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Robin Williams – Term expired December 31, 2023 (per email plans to roll-off)

Applications received:

- Frank Hardeman (D4), received August 4, 2021
- Andrew L. Lawrence (D1), received August 10, 2021
- John E. Wright (D4), received August 13, 2021
- Joseph P. Serpa (D6), received August 14, 2021
- Courtney Grunninger Bonney (D4), received August 2021, April 2022, & June 2023
- Samuel Alai (D2), received August 19, 2021
- Michael Higgins (D2), received August 20, 2021
- Ashely A. Rainge (D2), received August 25, 2021
- Katherine A. Schuff (D2), received September 14, 2021
- Alex Clavijo (D2), received September 14, 2021
- Renee S. Rubens (D5), received November 22, 2021
- Ray B. Bess (D3), received January 27, 2021
- Austin M. Rojas (D2), received March 28 & October 5, 2022, and March 5, 2023
- Mariel Hamer (D2), received April 29, October 27, and December 12, 2023
- Gregory R. Sanders (D1), received December 14, 2022
- Katrina Hornung (D3), received February 16 and November 29, 2023
- Patricia Richardson (D5), received February 14, 2024

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Hospital Authority of Savannah – [Three Terms Expired & Three Terms Expiring soon]

Minimum requirements (Four-year term):

The members of a hospital authority shall be residents of the participating units comprising the authority. The requirement of residence shall not apply to authorities activated under subsection (d) of Code Section 31-7-72, provided they are selected from within the area of service and within 12 miles of the hospital location or within 12 miles of the sponsoring county or municipality, whichever is farther.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Taqwaa F. Saleem – Term expired March 31, 2023**
- **Mary Ann Mock – Term expired March 31, 2023**
- **Grace H. Taylor – Term expired March 31, 2023**
- **Amy Lee Copeland – Term expires March 31, 2024**
- **Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz – Term expires March 31, 2024**
- **Leonard K. McCoy – Term expires March 31, 2024**

Applications received:

- **Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz (D6), received Jan 4 and March 3, 2022**
- **Austin M. Rojas (D2), received March 28, 2022**
- **Taqwaa F. Saleem (Port Wentworth Resident), received April 4, 2023**
- **Grace H. Taylor (D1), received April 28, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023, and January 9, 2024**

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Metropolitan Planning Commission – [Three Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

City resident.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Lauren Boles – Term expired December 31, 2023**
- Elizabeth D. Epstein – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Dewayne Stephens – Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- **Mark Linsky (D6), received December 15, 2021**
- **Chantel Rhea Morton (D2), received October 7, 2022 and November 11, 2023**
- **Austin M. Rojas (D2), received March 5, 2023**
- **Kevin Finley (D2), received April 4, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023 and January 9, 2024**
- **Lauren Boles (D1), received October 12 and December 8, 2023**
- **Stephen M. Plunk (D2), received January 23, 2024**

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Park and Tree Commission – [Two Vacancies and Four Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

Appointees must be a City resident and shall have a demonstrated interest in the urban forest and scenic parks, and in programs to enhance the quality of life in the community.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Eileen Baker resigned February 3, 2023)
- VACANCY (Jean “J.J. Bellemare resigned August 7, 2023)
- Emmanuel Zamudio – 1st Term expired December 31, 2023
- Sean Mannion – 3rd/Final Term expired December 31, 2023
- Charles E. Vilushis – 1st Term expired December 31, 2023
- G. Randy Tate – 2nd Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- Tony A. Thomas (D6), received May 12, 2021
- ~~Kathleen B. McCarthy (County Resident), received August 6, 2021~~
- ~~Ryan Martin (County Resident), received August 6, 2021 & August 25, 2022~~
- Montana L. Tohm (D1), received August 10, 2021
- Jeffrey M. Notrica (D2), received August 11, 2021
- ~~Stephen G Kuhn (County Resident), received November 21, 2022~~
- Charles E. Vilushis (D4), received Aug 11, 2023, and Oct 12, 2023
- Boyer Bazelais (D5), received August 12, 2023
- Emmanuel Zamudio (D1), received November 6, 2023
- G. Randy Tate (D3), received November 14, 2023
- Robert D. Sutter (D4), received November 30, 2023
- Kenneth Malcom (D2), received January 10, 2024
- Paul C. Daniels (D2), received January 31, 2024
- Sarah Arkins (County Resident), received February 19, 2024

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Pension Board – [One Term Expired]

Minimum requirements (Four-year term):

Must be a City resident.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Frederick Bailey – Term expired December 31, 2023**

Applications received:

- **Frederick Bailey (D3), received Sept 26 & Oct 11, 2023 & January 23, 2024**
- **Sharon H. O'Connor (Thunderbolt Resident), received November 8, 2023**

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Savannah Airport Commission – [One Term Expiring soon]

Minimum requirements (Five-year term):

The members of the Airport Commission shall be citizens of the State of Georgia and residents of Chatham County. No person shall be eligible for membership on the Commission who holds or shall have held any remunerative public office or position or any employment for compensation, except as an independent contractor, with the United States, the State of Georgia, or any political subdivision of either at the time of his appointment or within one year prior thereto or during his term of membership.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Lowell Kronowitz – Term expiring March 31, 2024**

Application received:

- **Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz (D6), received March 3, 2022**
- **Kevin Finley (D2), received April 4, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023 & January 9, 2024**
- **Lowell Kronowitz (D2), received January 3, 2024**
- **Phyllis F. Rodges (County Resident), received February 13, 2024**
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Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues – [One Vacancy and Five Expired Terms]

Minimum requirements:

Bylaws Article IV: Membership: At least half of the members shall be persons with physical or mental disabilities.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY
- Sharon Wanda Aikens – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Carol Stemsrud – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Felicia Gibson – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Pamela Howard-Oglesby – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Chasity Fortson – Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- **Stephanie D. Zeigler (D5), received December 7, 2021**
- **Gia Boulos (D6), received January 5, 2022**
- **Vondell Norman (D3), received March 3, 2022**
- **Michael C. Willis (D2), received July 9, 2022**

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Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission – [One Vacancy]

Minimum requirements (Five-year term):

Must be a citizen of Chatham County.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- Vacancy (Lisa D. Watson resigned October 6, 2023)

Applications received:

- **Austin M. Rojas (D2), received March 5, 2022**
- **Jan B. Bryant (County Resident - Port Wentworth), received June 28, 2023**
- **Sean Mannion (D3), received October 14, 2023**
- **Kenneth Malcom (D2), received January 10, 2024**
- **Kim Campbel (D2), received February 9, 2024**

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Savannah Economic Development Authority – [One Term Expired]

Minimum requirements (Five-year term):

No one holding public office or receiving compensation from either public entity can serve.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Cheri Dean – Term expired December 31, 2023**

Applications received:

- **Cheri Dean (PO Box), received December 7, 2021**
- **Quentin Marlin (County Resident), received December 10, 2021**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023 & January 9, 2024**
- **Michael C. Willis (D2), received July 9, 2022**
- **M. (Marie) Ann Levett (D5), received January 28, 2024**
- **Paul W. Mosley, Sr. (D5), received February 20, 2024**

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Savannah Recreation Commission – [One Vacancy and Two Expired Terms]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

Each member of the recreation commission must be a resident of the city.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Jean JJ Bellemare resigned August 8, 2023)
- John L. Myers – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Terry McCoy – Term expired December 31, 2023

Applications received:

- ~~Howard G. Bailey (County Resident), received January 15, 2021~~
- ~~Ryan Martin (County Resident), received August 6, 2021, and August 25, 2022~~
- Melvin A. Nesbitt (D6), received August 9, 2021
- Joseph P. Serpa (D6), received August 14, 2021
- Raven George (D5), received September 11, 2021
- Louise D. Phelps (D2), received November 14, 2022
- Armand J. Turner (D2), received January 13, 2023
- Lisa Miller (D4), received August 25, 2023
- Boyer Bazelais (D5), received August 26, 2023

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Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – [One Vacancy and Two Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

City resident. Members cannot hold public office, except for one appointee who must be a current member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Larry Evans resigned October 19, 2023)
- **Stephen M. Plunk – Term expired December 31, 2023**
- Karen Jarrett – Term expired December 31, 2023 (wants to step-down – MPC recommended Travis Coles to replace her)

Applications received:

- **Stephen M. Plunk (D2), received Oct 2020, Oct 2023, and January 23, 2024**
- **Benjamin T. Griffith (D2), received August 16, 2021**
- **Laura Walker (D4), received December 2, 2021**
- **Herman L. Lee III (D2), received January 26, 2023**
- **Sabrina Nagel (D2), received February 1, 2023, and March 22, 2023**
- **Brad Baugh (D2), received February 4, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023 & January 9, 2024**
- **Clinton Edminster (D3), received October 26, 2023**
- **Caleb B. Harkleroad (D3), received December 7, 2023**
- **Kenneth Malcom (D2), received January 10, 2024**

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Traffic Calming Committee – [One Vacancy and Three Terms Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

The members of the Traffic Calming Committee shall be a demographically broad representation of the community in the Savannah Metropolitan Area with an interest in Traffic Calming. Committee members must live in the City limits of Savannah.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- Matthew S. Hallett (Post 1, At-Large Appointee) – Term expired December 31, 2023
- Gloria Williams (District 1 Appointee) - Term expired December 31, 2023
- Rubin Huckabee (District 3 Appointee) - Term expired December 31, 2023
- VACANCY (District 6 Appointee)

Applications received:

- **Scott C. Anderson (D4), received January 14, 2024**
- **Terry M. Finlay (D2), received August 10, 2023**
- **Kristen Ravenel (D6), received July 27, 2023**
- **Justin Bristol (D4), received February 7, 2023**
- **Nicholas J. Michalski (D6), received June 18, 2021**
- **Barbara Pearson (D6), received June 15, 2021**
- **Charlene D. Keith (D6), received June 11, 2023**