

Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

Available Appointments

April 2026

Chatham County-City of Savannah Land Bank Authority - [One Term Expiring]

Minimum requirements (Four-year term):

- The members shall be residents of the County and may be employees of the Parties (City and County). In addition to being residents of the County, all members appointed to the Board shall be persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in urban planning, real estate, community development, finance, or related areas.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Tomeca McPherson – Term expires April 30, 2026**

Applications received:

- **Whitney C. Parker (D3), received February 04, 2025**
- ~~Jacob D. McCardel (Effingham County Resident)~~
- **Larry Z. Ricks (D3), received August 18, 2025**
- **Iman O. Atiba (D1), received January 02, 2026**
- **Anand D. Rao (D6), received January 15, 2026**
- **Janiqwa Nganga (D1), received February 6, 2026**
- **Tomeca McPherson (D6), received April 14, 2026**

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Cultural Affairs Commission – [Three Vacancies]

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
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Applications received:

- **Eric D. Jones (Port Wentworth Resident), received January 14, 2025**
- **Taqwaa F. Saleem (County Resident), received January 22, 2025**
- **Elizabeth M. Fryman (D3), received March 25, 2025**
- **LaTina R. Taylor (D6), received May 1, 2025**
- **Sarah C. Pascual (D1), received June 1, 2025**
- **Robert J Angelastro (D4), received July 7, 2025 and December 28, 2025**
- **Sheronda Manuel Solomon (D5), Aug 8, 2025**
- **Gregory S Jackson (D3), received Aug 10, 2025**
- **Paul Mazo (D1), received Aug 11, 2025**
- **Brian C Stanislaus (D7), received Aug 16, 2025**
- **Nicole Wiggins De'Costa (D3), received September 2, 2025 and March 19, 2026**
- **Eileen Baker (D4), received October 16, 2025**
- **Thegara Rucker (D3), received November 12, 2025**
- **Opollo R Johnson (D5), received November 16, 2025**
- **Robert G. Bryant (D5), received December 31, 2025**
- **Chynna N. Davis Turner (D1 – Cloverdale), received January 5, 2026**
- **Shakuria Smith (D5), received January 06, 2026**
- **Joanne Morton (D2), received January 16, 2026**
- **Jessica Marie Mathis (D4), received February 02, 2026**
- **Janiqwa Nganga (D1), received February 6, 2026**
- **Sharon Wanda Aikens (D3), received February 21, 2026**
- **Miriam Munn (D5), received February 25, 2026 and March 24, 2026**
- **Richard T Scott (D4), received March 16, 2026**
- **Bri Morgan (D5), received April 06, 2026**
- **Kimaiyo Martin (County Resident), received April 14, 2026**

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Economic Opportunity Authority – [One Term Expired]

Minimum requirements (Five-year term):

- Must be a resident of Chatham County.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- Dr. Kim Jackson-Allen – Term expired December 31, 2024

Applications received:

- **Sharon Wanda Aikens (D3), received October 11, 2023 and October 21, 2024, October 16, 2025, and February 21, 2026**
- **Lillian P. Breitbart (D2), received August 06, 2024**
- **LaToya S. Brannen (County Resident), received January 23, 2025**
- **Whitney C. Parker (D3), received February 4, 2025**
- **Jamie Hansbrough (D1 – Highlands), received March 13, 2025**
- **Shakuria Smith (D5), received January 06, 2026**
- **Jasmine Smith (County Resident), January 14, 2026**
- **Miriam Munn (D5), February 25, 2026 and March 24, 2026**

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Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – [Two Vacancies and One Term Expiring]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

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

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Kiersten Conner indicated interest not to serve Nov. 8, 2024)
- VACANCY (Brian A. Woods resignation November 3, 2025)
- Pamela A. Miller – Term expires December 31, 2025

Applications received:

- **Isaac P. Fisher (D2), received January 7, 2025**
- **Lillian K. Jandrlich (D4), received January 13, 2025**
- **Jamie Hansbrough (D1 – Highlands), received March 13, 2025**
- **Gregory S Jackson (D3), received August 10, 2025**
- **Austin Mallory(D3), received September 23, 2025**
- **Chloe Cavner (D2), received September 24, 2025**
- **Ja’Quan O. Oliver (D1), received October 5, 2025**

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Keep Savannah Beautiful – [One Vacancy and Six (6) Expired Terms]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

- Shall include representatives from the news media, businesses, City government, civic associations, and neighborhood groups. No term limits.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY - (Cheri Dean resigned)
- Miriam Munn – Term expiring December 31, 2024
- Anita L. Jordan - Term expiring December 31, 2024
- Joseph P. Serpa - Term expiring December 31, 2024
- Jadon Whipple - Term expiring December 31, 2024
- Kelly Morris – Term expiring December 31, 2025
- Steven C. Morgan – Term expiring December 31, 2025

Applications received:

- **David E. Chamblee (Garden City Resident), received May 9, 2025 and May 10, 2025**

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Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) – [One Term Expired]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

- City resident.

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- **Karen Jarrett – Term expired December 31, 2025**

Applications received:

- **Whitney C. Parker (D3), received February 04, 2025**
- ~~Jacob D. McCardel (Guyton Resident), received February 28, 2025~~
- **Iman O. Atiba (D1), received January 02, 2026**
- **Elisabeth V. Culley (D2), received January 08, 2026**
- **Karen Jarrett (D2), received January 27, 2026**
- **Patricia Richardson (D5), received February 12, 2026**
- ~~Jack B. Wardlaw (County Resident), received March 10, 2026~~

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Pilotage Commission – [One Term Expiring]

Minimum requirements (Seven-year Term):

- Appointees must include shipping agents, exports, or merchants, or others engaged on or familiar with marine shipping and the requirements of the Port of Savannah.

Members to be appointed or replaced:

- **William Van Puffelen – Term expiring March 31, 2026**

Applications received:

- **Capt. William Van Puffelen (County Resident), received March 20, 2026**
- **Christopher M. Rice (Effingham/Guyton Resident), received April 10, 2026**

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Savannah Airport Commission – [One Term Expiring]

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 appointed or replaced:

- **Theodore (Ted) Kleisner – Term expiring March 31, 2026**

Applications received:

- **Taqwaa F. Saleem (D), received January 22, 2025**
- **Jacob D. McCardel (Effingham County Resident), received February 28, 2025**
- **Theodore (Ted) Kleisner (D2), received January 07, 2026**
- **Miriam Munn (D5), February 25, 2026 and March 24, 2026**

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Savannah Downtown Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) – [One Vacancy]

Minimum requirements (Three-year term):

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

Members to be reappointed or replaced:

- VACANCY (Dwayne Stephens declined to serve on the MPC)

Applications received:

- **Sharon Wanda Aikens (D3), received October 21, 2024, October 16, 2025, and February 21, 2026**
- **Scott E. Crotzer (D6), received January 28, 2025**
- **Austin G. Mallory (D2), received September 23, 2025**
- **Michael Higgins (D2), received January 5, 2026**
- **Susan B. Emery (D2), received January 19, 2026**
- **Arva O. Lumpkin-White (D2), received January 26, 2026**

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Savannah Economic Development Authority – [One Vacancy]

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:

- VACANCY (7th seat year) – Dwayne Stephens could not be seated

Applications received:

- **Whitney C. Parker (D3), received February 4, 2025**
- **Jacob D. McCardel (Guyton Resident), received February 25, 2025**
- **Jamie Hansbrough (D1), received March 13, 2025**
- **Katrina E. Myers (D1), received March 13, 2025**
- **Mahogany Bowers (D5), received March 13, 2025**
- **Michael C. Willis (D2), received October 22, 2025**
- **Iman O. Atiba (D1), received January 02, 2026**

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Savannah Recreation Commission – [Two Vacancies]

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 – Lillian P. Breibart resigned January 13, 2026
- VACANCY – Members terminated for nonattendance December 09, 2025

Applications received:

- **Shakuria Smith (D5), received January 06, 2026**
- **Hanna Walker (D4), received January 13, 2026**
- **Dr. Silviller A. Watson (D5), received January 14, 2026**
- ~~**Jasmine Smith (County Resident), received January 14, 2026**~~