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RE: Nomination for Appointment of an Elected Official for Membership on the DeKalb Community Service Board (CSB) – Commissioner Kathie Gannon

Dear Ms. Simms and Mr. Brown:

**Background Information**

On April 16, 2014, Governor Nathan Deal signed Senate Bill 349 into law. This new legislation made a significant change to the governing board structure for community service boards and affects how the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will appoint members to the DeKalb CSB's Governing Board.

The new legislation creates new a category of governing board member effective July 1, 2014. In addition to the *citizen volunteers* who desire to serve as members of the governing board, the Board of Commissioners will also appoint members who are *Members Holding Elective or Appointive Office*. The Board of Commissioners may appoint these *Members Holding Elective or Appointive Office* beginning May 1, 2014.

The statute defines “elective or appointive office” as:

- (i) the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County;
- (ii) an elected member of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners;
- (iii) the county manager of DeKalb County;
- (iv) the Sheriff of DeKalb County;
- (v) the elected chief executive officer, by whatever name called, an elected member of the governing authority, or an appointed city manager or any municipality lying wholly or partially within DeKalb County;



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- (vi) a member of the board of education of DeKalb County or a member of the governing board of any municipal school system lying wholly or partially within DeKalb County;
- (vii) the school superintendent of DeKalb County or the superintendent of any municipal school system lying wholly or partially within DeKalb County;
- (viii) the appointed public safety commissioner, police chief, or fire chief of DeKalb County or any municipality lying wholly or partially within DeKalb County; or
- (ix) any other elected official from within DeKalb County.

The statute prescribes that an elected official will serve a member term equal to the official's term of office. An appointed official will serve for three fiscal years, the same as other members. However, a member appointed to one of these positions may not continue to serve on the Governing Board after leaving the office that initially made him or her eligible to serve as a member.

The statute requires that the number of board member slots designated for *Members Holding Elective or Appointive Office* shall be one-third of the number of board slots designated for citizen volunteers. Accordingly, based on the provision of the statute, the DeKalb CSB must have nine (9) board member slots for citizen volunteers. Therefore, three (3) board member slots must be appropriated for elected or appointed officials.

Presently, Debra DeBerry, Clerk of Superior Court, has served on the DeKalb CSB's Governing Board since November, 2014 and it is anticipated that she will continue to serve in this capacity through the remainder of her current term in office.

### **DeKalb CSB NOMINATION**

Of the three (3) board member slots that have been designated for *Members Holding Elective or Appointive Office* two (2) are vacant. The following elected official has indicated their willingness and desire to serve on the DeKalb CSB's Governing Board:

- Commissioner Kathie Gannon, DeKalb County

At its January 25, 2018 meeting, the DeKalb CSB's Governing Board voted to nominate Commissioner Gannon to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners for its consideration of her appointment to the Governing Board.

We appreciate your time and attention given this matter. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 404-294-3836 or [josephb@dekcsb.org](mailto:josephb@dekcsb.org).

Sincerely,



Joseph Bona, M.D.  
CEO

cc: Members, DeKalb CSB Governing Board  
Members, DeKalb Board of Commissioners



Kathie Gannon has served on the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners since January 2005, representing Super District 6. Her district includes half of the County with portions of South, Central and North DeKalb, totaling approximately 350,000 residents. Gannon's primary focus has been land use and planning, sustainability, protection of established neighborhoods and issues that impact youth and senior citizens.

In 2017, she served a second time as the Presiding Officer of the Board. Commissioner Gannon serves on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Resilience Advisory Committee, and the Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee. In addition, Gannon serves on the Board of Managers of the State Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).

Commissioner Gannon's dedication to efforts to improve the Counties sustainability practices have earned her the nickname of the "Green Commissioner." She continues to champion progressive efforts to increase the County's use of clean energy and improving the recycling program. She has created new park land and is adding to the South River Trail among other "green" initiatives.

Commissioner Gannon earned a BA in political science from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a Masters in Social Work from the University of Georgia and a Masters Certificate in Heritage Preservation, from Georgia State University.

She and her husband have two adult sons and have made DeKalb County home since 1972. Please visit [Kathiegannon.com](http://Kathiegannon.com) for additional information and accomplishments.

**DEKALB COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD**  
**BOARD MEMBER COMPOSITION WORKSHEET**  
**JANUARY 2018**

BOARD POSITION NO.	DISABILITY ASSIGNED	INCUMBENT	ETHNICITY	SEX	CONSUMER/FAMILY MEMBER	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM	OCCUPATION
1	MH	André Moorer	AA	M	Yes	6/30/2019	Hospitality Partner
2	MH	Vacant				6/30/2018	
3	MH	Rosemarie Nelson	AA	F	No	6/30/2019	Business Consultant
4	DD	Meredith McCoy	W	F	Yes	6/30/2016	Pharmaceutical Sales (Retired)
5	DD	Alecea Quintyne	AA	F	No	6/30/2017	IT Professional
6	DD	James Towhey	W	M	Yes	6/30/2017	
7	AD	Charles Martin	W	M	No	6/30/2017	Attorney
8	AD	John Bushfield	W	M	Yes	6/30/2019	Executive Consultant
9	AD	Joan Gage	W	F	No	6/30/2019	Speech-Language Pathologist

**ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

10	N/A	Vacant			N/A		
11	N/A	Vacant			N/A		
12	N/A	Debra DeBerry	AA	F	N/A	Elected Term	Elected Official

**Pro Forma Board Composition Summary & Comparison to 2015 Census Data for DeKalb County**

	2010 Census	Census Target	DeKalb CSB Actual
<b>Ethnicity:</b>			
White	33.3%	4.0	6
African American	54.3%	6.0	5
Hispanic Latino	9.8%	0.9	0
Other	2.6%	0.1	0
	<b>100%</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>
<b>Gender:</b>			
Female	52.1%	5.8	5
Male	47.9%	5.2	6
	<b>100%</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>
	<b>State Statute</b>	<b>Statute Target Minimum</b>	<b>DeKalb CSB Actual</b>
<b>Consumer/Family Member:</b>			
Yes	50%	4.5	4
No	50%	4.5	4
	<b>100%</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>