

**Statement of Interest**  
**Qualifications for Appointment to the**  
**DeKalb-Peachtree (PDK) Airport**  
**Advisory Board**  
**City of Chamblee**



The DeKalb-Peachtree (PDK) Airport Advisory Board was formed to advise, recommend and consult with the chief executive officer and the board of commissioners in the management and operation of the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport on matters pertaining to the:

- present and projected rapid growth in commercial and private air traffic;
- need to eliminate airport hazards;
- need to raise large amounts of capital for the establishment, operation and maintenance;
- coordination of the operation of various airports within metropolitan areas;
- assurance of the welfare, safety and convenience of residents of the county; and
- maintenance of the proper economic development for the state.

The PDK Airport Advisory Board meets once per month, as needed, and are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. Currently, meetings are held virtually unless otherwise stated.

The board is governed by DeKalb County and the available position is appointed by Chamblee’s City Council. **To qualify for the vacant position, the applicant must be a Chamblee resident and submit a completed statement of interest form to [info@chambleega.gov](mailto:info@chambleega.gov) by Thursday, April 14, 2022.**

Name Will Childs Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chamblee, GA 30341

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the type of work that you do.

Partner in a national commercial real estate valuation and consulting firm, OHC Advisors, with a focus in healthcare and senior living asset types ([www.ohcadv.com](http://www.ohcadv.com)). I also own a small real estate advisory business (Coventry Advisors), through which I work with buyers and sellers of residential and commercial real estate properties locally and also source debt and equity for real estate projects. My work and formal education in economics, especially real estate economics, equip me with a mindfulness of how community land uses such as the airport and its related activities, development, growth and planning can be both beneficial and detrimental to the various stakeholders in the local area.

Please describe your educational background.

- University of Georgia - Terry College of Business (Athens, GA) - BBA in Economics - 2008
- \*Dean William Tate Honor Society, Student Body President, Dance Marathon, HERO for Children
- 300+ hours in state-approved qualifying and continuing education for real estate sales and appraisal licensing including courses involving relevant issues such as: eminent domain, development, construction, market analysis, highest and best use, site valuation, finance, statistics and modeling, business practices and ethics, etc.

How long have you been a resident of the City of Chamblee?

Three+ years. Prior to that, I mostly lived in Ashford Park within one-mile of Chamblee since 2008. I currently live, hangar, and work at and/or within walking distance of PDK.

Please describe your civic, charitable or volunteer activities.

- University of Georgia Student Government Association - President
- A.R.C.H Foundation - University of Georgia - Incorporator / Trustee
- UGA Alumni Association - Board Member
- Chamblee Ethics Committee - Member
- Appraisal Institute - Atlanta Chapter Member
- Chic-fil-A Leadershape Institute Attendee
- Child Advocate Network - Fundraiser

Please provide a brief statement of why you are interested in this appointment and of your qualifications for this appointment.

Since moving to Chamblee, I have taken an interest in supporting our our little town by the train tracks as it grows toward its full potential. I've always loved a good underdog story, and Chamblee's is a remarkable one. The airport and City-County partnership is critical to the City's viability and growth potential. As a private pilot and Chamblee citizen who works, hangars, and resides in and very near PDK, the airport has become an integral part of my life. On most days, I spend hours at the airport where I have developed large and growing network of friends who are fellow pilots, mechanics, FBO employees, instructors, and community neighbors who all share a love or interest in aviation. I have recruited several friends and neighbors to become pilots or socially involved in the airport community through hangar hangs, discovery flights, and volunteer opportunities at the airport. I feel this role would be an ideal outlet for me to continue bridging the gap between my local neighborhood community and the airport. Further, my civic, leadership, aviation, and professional experience equip me with a balanced mindfulness of how community land uses such as the airport and its related activities, development, growth and planning can be both beneficial and detrimental to the various stakeholders in the local area.