

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL PROCESS FOR APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE DEKALB COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) GOVERNANCE BOARD

WHEREAS, DeKalb County participates in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program as GA-508 DeKalb County CoC, which provides critical funding for housing and services to prevent and end homelessness in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County CoC Governance Board is responsible for overseeing the strategic planning, coordination, and implementation of the community's response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, HUD encourages the inclusion of local elected officials on CoC governance bodies, and the participation of an elected representative can strengthen the competitiveness of CoC funding applications and support stronger alignment between County policy and CoC priorities; and

WHEREAS, at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting, the Director of Community Development, Allen Mitchell, advised the Board of Commissioners that the CoC intends to amend its governance structure and bylaws to expand the CoC Governance Board and to add additional seats, including a seat designated for a local elected official; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of timely participation in the CoC Governance Board's expansion process in order to ensure DeKalb County maximizes its eligibility and scoring for upcoming HUD CoC grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to establish a clear, consistent process by which it will designate a Commissioner to serve as its representative on the CoC Governance Board, and to clarify the term and method of such appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Board of Commissioners Representative to the CoC Governance Board.

There is hereby established a designated representative of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to serve on the DeKalb County Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Board, consistent with HUD guidance and the CoC's governing documents, once amended to include such a position.

Section 2. Method of Appointment.

1. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint one (1) Commissioner to serve as its primary representative to the CoC Governance Board by majority vote at a regular public meeting of the Board.
2. The appointment shall be made by motion from the floor and majority vote, or by adoption of a resolution naming the appointee, as determined appropriate by the Board at the time of appointment.
3. The Board may also appoint an alternate Commissioner to serve in the absence of the primary representative, if deemed necessary and permissible under the CoC's bylaws.

Section 3. Term of Service.

1. The Commissioner appointed as the Board's representative to the CoC Governance Board shall serve a term of two (2) years, or such term as may be specified by the CoC's bylaws, whichever is shorter, and may be reappointed for additional terms by action of the Board of Commissioners.
2. The Board of Commissioners intends, to the extent practicable, to make or confirm this appointment on a regular two-year cycle at or near the beginning of the calendar year and/or at the Board's organizational meeting.
3. The Board may at any time, by majority vote at a regular meeting, change its designated representative or alternate to the CoC Governance Board, and the newly appointed Commissioner shall serve for the remainder of the applicable term or such period as the Board may specify.

Section 4. Coordination with CoC Governance Documents.

The Board of Commissioners' appointments pursuant to this Resolution are intended to be consistent with, and subject to, the bylaws and governance documents of the DeKalb County CoC. In the event of any conflict, the Board directs that staff and the Law Department coordinate with the CoC Governance Board to harmonize County appointments with applicable CoC requirements and HUD regulations.

Section 5. Implementation and Notification.

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Department of Community Development, in coordination with the Clerk to the Board, to communicate the Board's appointed representative(s) to the CoC Governance Board promptly after each appointment or change in appointment.
2. The Clerk to the Board is authorized and directed to provide certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of Community Development, the Law Department, and the DeKalb County Continuum of Care Governance Board.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Section 7. Initial Appointment of Board of Commissioners Representative.

Upon adoption of this Resolution and final action of the Board of Commissioners, the following Commissioner is hereby appointed to serve as the Board's designated representative to the DeKalb County Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Board for an initial term of two (2) years,

commencing on the effective date specified below, subject to the CoC's bylaws and HUD regulations:

- Appointed Commissioner:
- District:
- Effective Date of Appointment:
- Term Expiration Date (two years from effective date, unless otherwise specified):

The Board of Commissioners may revise or update this Section 7 by subsequent motion or resolution to reflect future appointments.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD

County Clerk
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

ZACH WILLIAMS

Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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