

# BOARD OF ETHICS

Board Established by: County

## Description:

On January 5, 2011, the Code was amended by Resolution (Item #11-0029) stating that members for positions (1) through (6) shall be subject to final appointment by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Ethics renders advisory opinions and hears complaints with respect to whether a particular course of conduct would constitute or has constituted violations of the standards imposed by the Fulton County Ethics Code.

On February 4, 2004, the Board of Commissioners repealed the former Code of Ethics and enacted a new Code of Ethics, (Regular Meeting Item #03-1531). (Cross Reference 10/16/85, Item #12; 5/4/88, Item #1; 12/16/92, and Item #92-RM-579).

On June 7, 2023, the Board of Commissioners amended Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-80 of the Fulton County Code of Laws by replacing the disbanded Fulton County Personnel Board with the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce (Regular Meeting Item #23-0385).

## Membership/Appointment:

Consists of seven (7) members, who have been residents of Fulton County for not less than three years preceding their selection; one (1) member to be appointed by the organizations listed in bold print below. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. (See Fulton County Code of Laws, Section 2-66 ET SEQ).

The Board of Ethics shall consist of the following seven (7) members, who shall have been residents of Fulton County for not less than three years preceding their selection. The members for positions (1) through (6) shall be subject to final appointment by the Board of Commissioners:

- (1) One member to be nominated by the president of the Atlanta Bar Association from among the Association's membership;
- (2) One member to be nominated by the president of the Gate City Bar Association from among the Association's membership;
- (3) One member to be nominated by the president of the North Fulton Chamber of Commerce from among the Chamber's membership;
- (4) One member to be nominated by the president of the Atlanta Business League from the membership of the Atlanta Business League;
- (5) One member to be nominated by the president of the Atlanta Airport Chamber of Commerce from among the Chamber's membership;
- (6) One member to be nominated by the president of the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Inc. from among the Chamber's membership; and
- (7) One member to be nominated and appointed by the board of Commissioners.

In the event an organization with nominating power under subparagraphs (1) through (6), above, fails to submit a nomination following resignation or expiration of the term of its respective nominee, the Clerk to the Commission shall send notice to the organization requesting the name of a nominee. If no such nominee is provided within thirty (30) days of the notice, the Board of Commissioners may proceed to nominate and appoint a new member of its own choosing to the relevant position on the Board of Ethics.

At the first meeting of the board of ethics in each calendar year, the board shall select, from among its members, a chair who shall serve as chair for the remainder of the calendar year and until a successor is chosen pursuant to this subsection.

## Term:

Each member selected after the initial terms of office have expired shall serve a term of three years or until the termination of his or her membership in the organization from which he or she was selected. The chair who shall serve as chair for the remainder of the calendar year and until a successor is chosen. (See Fulton County Code of Laws, Section 2-80).

**Compensation:** YES                      **Stipend:** \$150/meeting

**Meetings:** The Board of Ethics shall meet no less than what is required to conduct the business of the board, which in no event shall be less than once each calendar quarter. All meetings of the board of ethics shall be held at the Fulton County Government Center.

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| <b>MEMBER</b>                 | <b>APPOINTMENT</b>   | <b>TERM ENDING</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1 Benjamin E. Fox             | Atlanta Bar Association Nominated By:<br>Atlanta Bar Association                           | 2/12/2026          |
| 2 Louis Levenson (Vice-Chair) | Board of Commissioners Nominated<br>By: Chairman Robert L. Pitts                           | 2/12/2025          |
| 3 Chris Miller                | N. Fulton Chamber of Commerce<br>Nominated By: Greater North Fulton<br>Chamber of Commerce | 2/12/2024          |
| 4 Mercedes R. Miller          | Atlanta Airport Chamber of Commerce<br>Nominated By: Airport Chamber of<br>Commerce        | 2/12/2025          |
| 5 Daraka Satcher (Chair)      | Gate City Bar Association Nominated<br>By: Full Board Appointments                         | 2/12/2023          |
| 6 Walter Vinson               | South Fulton Chamber of Commerce<br>Nominated By: South Fulton Chamber<br>of Commerce      | 2/12/2025          |