

# BOARD OF HEALTH (FULTON COUNTY)

Board Established by: State

## Description:

Effective April 27, 2016, the Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 885 ("H.B. 885) to repeal O.C.G.A. 31-3-2.1. This was the statute that authorized Fulton County to operate an independent County Board of Health and Wellness. HB 885 also provides that the existing Fulton County Board of Health and Wellness will remain in existence and operable, and its board members shall remain in office, until Fulton County constitutes a new independent board of health which will operate similar to others boards of health throughout the state (i.e., O.C.G.A. 31-3-1 et seq.). With the formation of the new BOH, Fulton County's public health functions and responsibilities will fall under the purview of a newly constituted independent BOH whose members must be appointed pursuant to the process outlined herein

## Membership/Appointment:

The Board of Commissioners has four appointees, pursuant to HB 885 (2016) and Georgia Code Section 31-3-2 (2016). One member shall be the chief executive officer of the governing authority of the County and shall serve as a member while holding their offices as chief executive officer of the governing authority of the County. One member to be appointed by the governing authority of the County shall be a physician actively practicing in the County; however, the governing authority may appoint a person licensed as a nurse or dentist under Chapter 26 or 11 of Title 43, or any other person having a familiarity with and concern for the provision of medical services in the County. One member to be appointed by the governing authority of the County shall be a consumer, a representative of a consumer, or a person from an advocacy agency or group, which member will represent on the Board the County's consumers of health services. And one member to be appointed by the governing authority of the County shall be a consumer member who will represent on the Board the County's needy, underprivileged, or elderly community. Initial terms are staggered. After these initial terms, members appointed shall take office the first day of January immediately following the expiration of the immediately preceding term of that office and serve terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

## Term:

Six (6) years terms, after the initial terms.

- 1) Chairman or another elected member designated by the Chairman (BOC Position #1)
- 2) Physician practicing in the County (three year initial term) (BOC Position #3)
- 3) Consumer or consumer advocate (two year initial term) (BOC Position #4)
- 4) Consumer who will represent the needy, underprivileged or elderly community (one year initial term) (BOC Position #6)

**Compensation:** NONE

**Stipend:**

**Meetings:** Meets quarterly.

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MEMBER	APPOINTMENT	TERM ENDING
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1 Ms. Renay Blumenthal	Consumer/Advocate BOC-4 Nominated By: Chairman John H. Eaves	12/31/2018
2 Dr. Kathi A Earles	Physician BOC-3 Nominated By: Chairman Robert L. Pitts	12/31/2025
3 Mr. Jack Hardin	Consumer/Rep/Underprivileged BOC-6 Nominated By: Commissioner Bob Ellis	12/31/2023
4 Chairman Robb Pitts	Chairman/Designee BOC-1 Nominated By:	