

# DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD

**Board Established by:** State

**Description:**

The Department of Family & Children Services Board was established by the Georgia Public Welfare Act of 1937. This board is responsible for the administration of all Public Assistance and Child Welfare programs in the County, in accordance with State Law.

**Membership/Appointment:**

The seven (7) members of this board are appointed directly from the County governing authority, effective July 1, 1994, as a result of Senate Bill 469. If the County Governing authority fails to make an appointment within 90 days after the vacancy occurs, the DHR Commissioner is authorized to make the appointment. Incumbents whose terms have expired continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

The Official Code of Georgia does not provide any guidance for determining which Commissioner should nominate an appointee in the event of a vacancy. However, the Board of Commissioners adopted a policy at the Recess Meeting, September 18, 1991, item #91-FM-150, assigning one position on the DFACS board to each Commission district.

**Term:**

Five (5) years staggered terms

**Compensation:** YES

**Stipend:** \$45/meeting

**Meetings:** The Board meets every 4th Thursday of the Month at 1249 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30318

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MEMBER	APPOINTMENT	TERM ENDING
1 Ms. Caitlin A. Barsin	District 3 Nominated By: Commissioner Lee Morris	6/30/2022
2 Audra D Luke	District 6 Nominated By: Commissioner Joe Carn	6/6/2024
3 Ms. Lydia M. Meredith	District 4 Nominated By: Commissioner Natalie Hall	6/30/2025
4 Ms. Christine W. Merritt	District 1 Nominated By: Vice- Chairman Liz Hausmann	6/30/2021
5 Mr. Joshua M. Noblitt	District 5 Nominated By: Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.	6/30/2021

6 Dr. Marvin Polk	District 7 Nominated By: Chairman Robert L. Pitts	6/30/2021
7 Ms. Valerie Rogers	District 2 Nominated By: Commissioner Bob Ellis	6/30/2023