



RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

1350 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30901

May 2, 2025

Honorable Garnett L. Johnson, Mayor
And Members of the Richmond County Board
of Commissioners
535 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901

RE: Nominations for Service on the Richmond County Hospital Authority

Dear Mayor Johnson:

This letter is to follow up on our recent conversation and to formally submit nominations for service on the Richmond County Hospital Authority. Due to the fact that statutory appointment procedures for the Hospital Authority vary significantly from the procedures for many other Authorities, I have attempted to outline the steps for your convenience.

Overview

The Richmond County Hospital Authority (RCHA) was created by a Resolution of the Richmond County Commissioners of Roads and Revenues (now Board of Commissioners of Augusta-Richmond County) dated September 25, 1959, as modified by Ga Law 1980 p. 3892 (the Local Act), under the authority granted to the County by Ga. Law 1941 as amended, known as the Hospital Authorities Law.

Because of the professional, regulatory, and credentialing demands of the healthcare industry, the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law (as applied by the Local Act) developed a rather convoluted scheme of appointments to a Hospital Authority to help remove the Authority from undue political influence.

Appointment Process

As set forth in the Local Act, appointments to fill vacancies on the Board of the Hospital Authority are as follows:

Orientation and Continuing Education

Board members must participate in an initial orientation process, and attend continuing education programs throughout their service.

Conflicts of Interest and Regulatory Compliance

Georgia law, accrediting organizations and the Authority's own By-Laws impose stringent conflict of interest requirements upon Authority Members. Members are required to complete annual disclosures of any potential conflict. These factors were considered in the nominations set forth in the attachment to this letter.

As you are aware, there are significant regulatory, confidentiality and compliance obligations on individuals involved in the healthcare industry. Board members will be required to participate in an initial training session regarding these matters as well as periodic updates.

Time Requirements

The Hospital Authority is required to meet at least quarterly. Annually, the Authority participates in periodic educational conferences and may periodically meet with other governmental entities.

Some members of the Authority also serve on other Boards and Committees of Piedmont Augusta Hospital depending on their education, professional background and interest. Prompt and faithful attendance is expected by members of the Authority.

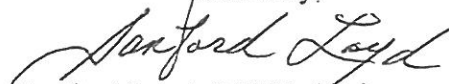
Compensation

Unlike many other Authorities, members of the Hospital Authority are volunteers and are not paid for their service.

Conclusion

Service on the Hospital Authority is a challenging commitment which has traditionally been accepted by some of the most influential and honored citizens in our county. It is a distinct honor to have been nominated for consideration for the Authority, and most of the Authority's members have considered their service to be very gratifying and rewarding. Understanding that the process set forth in this letter is somewhat complex, please feel free to contact: Dr. Lily Henson, CEO Piedmont Augusta Hospital; or Rod G. Meadows, Meadows, Macie & Monis, P.C., 770-9571 199, who serves as the Authority's General Counsel, with questions or concerns. We look forward to receiving the Commissions' appointment from the attached list.

Sincerely,


Sanford Loyd, RCHA Chair