

RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
1350 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

Ms. Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission
Augusta Richmond County Commission
535 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901

RE: Nominations for Service on the Richmond County Hospital Authority

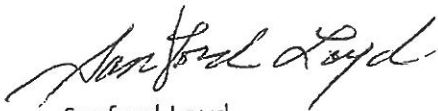
Dear Ms. Bonner:

This cover letter is to submit nominations for service on the Richmond County Hospital Authority for four vacant positions. The recommended citizens, as required by the by-laws of the Authority, are residents of Richmond County. Each has been "consulted with by the Authority and has agreed to serve in the event of appointment." They also represent the broad makeup of the community by geographic location, sex, race, and religion.

The list of nominees is enclosed. The recommended nominees (Joan Steinberg, Dr. Miriam Atkins, Virginia Patterson, and Dr. Don Loeb) have filed talent bank applications online.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 706-722-6105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sanford Loyd".

Sanford Loyd
Richmond County Hospital Authority Chairman

2025 RCHA Member Nominees

<u>Vacant Spot 1</u>	<u>Vacant Spot 2</u>	<u>Vacant Spot 3</u>	<u>Vacant Spot 4</u>
Joan Steinberg	Dr. Miriam Atkins	Virginia Patterson	Dr. Don Loeb
David Hogg	John Cates	James O'Neal	Jay Murray
Les Perry	Duncan Johnson	Rachael Ray	Kim Wilder

THE RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BYLAWS
[DRAFT REVISED MARCH 21, 2024]

Article I

Name and Principal Office of the Authority

Section 1. This public body corporate was created by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Richmond County (now Board of Commissioners of Augusta-Richmond County), Georgia on September 25, 1959, under the authority granted to said county by Georgia Law 1941, as amended, known as the “Hospital Authorities Law.” The name of the organization is the Richmond County Hospital Authority.

Section 2. The principal office and place of business of the Authority is 1350 Walton Way in the City of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia.

Article II

Power of the Authority

The Authority shall have such powers as are granted to it under the “Hospital Authorities Law” and the other applicable laws of the State of Georgia, and the resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia creating the Authority.

Article III

Duties, and Responsibilities, of the Hospital Authority

The purposes of the Richmond County Hospital Authority are to serve the public healthcare needs and welfare of the citizens of Richmond County through:

Section 1. The exercise of all powers, rights, responsibilities, and duties granted, imposed or reasonably implied by law upon a body, corporate and politic, by the laws of the State of Georgia, specifically including, but not limited to, the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law (OCGA Sec. 31-7-70 et. seq.) and as such laws may be subsequently amended.

Section 2. The exercise of all powers, rights, responsibilities, and duties granted, imposed or reasonably implied by law upon any County Authority as set forth in the laws of the State of Georgia, as such laws may be subsequently amended, except to the extent expressly limited by the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law.

Section 3. Except to the extent limited by the Hospital Authorities law, to exercise any and all powers now or hereafter possessed by non-profit corporations performing similar functions.

Section 4. To exercise any and all rights and fulfill the duties and responsibilities set forth in the Affiliation Agreement between University Health, Inc., University Health Service, Inc, and Piedmont Healthcare, Inc., dated as of January 31, 2022, as that agreement might be subsequently amended; and/or any other similar successive agreement.

Section 5. The exercise of all powers, rights, responsibilities and duties reasonably implied from the foregoing, or reasonably necessary to carry out the foregoing purposes.

Article IV

Statement of Mission

The Mission of the Richmond County Hospital Authority is to fulfill its obligations under the Hospital Authorities Act with particular emphasis on planning and promoting efforts to meet the healthcare needs and promote the health and well-being of the citizens of Richmond County.

Article V

Membership

Membership in the Richmond County Hospital Authority shall be established as set forth in the 1959 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners, as modified by Ga. Law 1985, p. 3892, and any subsequent legislation as follows:

Section 1. The Authority shall consist of nine members who shall be residents of Richmond County, Georgia. The members of the Authority shall represent the broad interests of the community.

Section 2. To the extent that they are consistent with any statutory requirements, the following desired (but not mandatory) characteristics shall be utilized in selecting board members:

- a. Representation of all geographic areas of Richmond County.
- b. Evidence of a business or professional background including a knowledge of finance, healthcare, leadership, corporate governance and/or personnel matters.
- c. Commitment to spending the time necessary to be a properly oriented, educated, and participating board member.
- d. Recognition of all sexes and racial or ethnic population.
- e. Inclusion of health care professional(s).

- f. Exclusion of elected officials and county employees except Board of Education employees.

Section 3. The term of office for each member shall be four years, although members may be reappointed for a successive term. Generally, a member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms of office and shall not be eligible for reappointment unless the member has been out of office for one full year. However, members who are elected as Officers may continue to serve an additional term if appropriate to fulfill their term as Officers. A member shall serve until his term expires and until a successor has been appointed. Reasonable efforts should be made to attempt to “stagger” the terms of office to enhance continuity and stability of the Authority.

Section 4. Should any member of the Authority die, resign, or become disqualified to act before the expiration of the member’s term, then the Augusta-Richmond County Commission shall appoint a successor or successors for the unexpired term or terms in the manner in which is prescribed in Section 5.

Section 5.

- a. One member of the Authority shall be appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission from among the members of the Commission, who shall have full voting rights as a member of the Authority.
- b. Appointment of each of the other members of the Authority shall be made by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission from the names of three eligible persons submitted by the Authority to said Commission.
- c. To encourage participation of members of the Active Medical Staff, the Authority shall select at least three names from members of the Active Medical Staff and at least one of the appointments shall then be made from this list pursuant to the procedure for the appointment of the other members.

Section 6. A member of the Authority shall attend 75 percent of regular quarterly meetings and regularly scheduled committee meetings during a calendar year unless excused by the Authority for illness, absence from the area, or other acceptable reasons. Failure to attend the required number of meetings may be considered a tender of resignation and such member may be removed by the Authority at any regular or special meeting of the Authority after written notice to the subject member.

Section 7. The President of Piedmont Augusta Hospital shall serve as an advisor to the Authority; but shall not be a member of the Authority and shall have no voting power in matters handled by the Authority.

Section 8. Members shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding conflict of interest and the Ethical Requirements of serving on a Hospital Authority. Members may be required to complete an annual Conflict of Interest disclosure statement as a condition of service on the Authority.

Section 9. Members shall be sworn in as soon as possible after having been first appointed to the Authority. It shall not be necessary for members to be sworn in for subsequent terms. New members shall participate in an orientation process within a reasonable time after their selection to the Board. All members shall participate in periodic continuing board education/development programs, Including, but not limited to, periodic review of the Hospital Authorities Law, these Bylaws and the Georgia Open Meetings and Open Records Statutes.

Article VI

Meetings of the Authority

Section 1. All meetings of the Authority shall be conducted in substantial compliance with the Georgia Hospital Authorities Act and the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

Section 2. Absent extenuating circumstances, regular meetings of the Authority shall be held quarterly at such time and place as may be designated by a resolution of the Authority.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Authority shall be called by the Secretary when directed by the Chairman or upon the written request of at least four (4) members.

Section 4. A majority of the members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. An advance copy of the meeting agenda shall, to the extent practical, be sent to the board members with the notice of meeting and no item shall be placed on the agenda in advance without the concurrence of the Chair. If any board member brings up any matter for consideration which is not on the published agenda, any other member (including the Chair) may call for a vote as to whether or not such matter shall be conducted at the meeting.

Section 6. The following order of business shall prevail at regular meetings except that members present at any one meeting may agree to vary from the order for special purposes:

1. Call to order, ascertain quorum, excuse absences, and verify proper posting of the Notice of the Meeting outside the Administrative Suite of the hospital;
2. Motion to Modify or Amend Agendas (if required);
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meetings;
4. Review of Authority financial matters, if appropriate;
5. Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act(to consider any of the following matters):
 - a. Any applicable medical staff matters;
 - b. Quality assurance matters;
 - c. Legal matters;

- d. Exempt personnel matters;
 - e. Exempt property transactions;
 - f. Potentially commercially valuable plans, proposals, or strategies;
 - g. Strategic planning updates; and
 - h. Any other matters appropriate for executive Session.
- 6. Ratify any actions taken in Executive Session (in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Open Meeting Act);
 - 7. Reports from Committees (if any);
 - 8. Unfinished business (other than items raised in committee reports);
 - 9. New business (other than items raised in committee reports);
 - 10. Administration reports (to the extent not covered in Executive Session);
 - 11. Reports and/or comments from visitors; and
 - 12. Adjournment.

Section 7. Except to the extent otherwise provided by law, or by these bylaws, meetings of the Board and all committees thereof shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VII

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Authority shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected or appointed by the Authority from its own membership, and shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. Vacancies in any of the aforementioned offices may be filled by the Authority at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for this purpose.

Section 2. The Chair shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Authority and shall be (ex-officio) a member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair. It is anticipated that the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall be elected Chair at the end of the current Chair's term.

Section 4. The Secretary shall cause the minutes of the proceedings of the Authority to be maintained in an appropriate manner. The Secretary shall cause all documents pertaining to the business of the Authority to be preserved and maintained and shall perform such duties as the

Authority may, from time to time, direct. Any member of the Authority may, at all reasonable times, have access to the minutes and other records of the Authority. The Authority may designate an Assistant Secretary who need not be a member of the Authority to assist with the administrative duties of the Office of the Secretary.

Article VIII

Liaison with Piedmont Augusta Hospital

Section 1. The President of Piedmont Augusta Hospital serve as a liaison with the Authority.

Section 2. The authority and responsibility of the liaison shall include:

- a. Serving as the primary channel of communications between the Authority and Piedmont Augusta Hospital, Piedmont Healthcare and their affiliated and subsidiary corporations.
- b. Attending all meetings of the Authority and serving on Authority committees thereof, as requested.
- c. Providing administrative and budgetary support for the Authority.
- d. Assisting the Authority in accomplishing any specific objectives that it should adopt.
- e. Representing the Authority as requested in its relationships with other governmental and professional entities.

Article IX

Committees

Section 1. Appointment of Committees

Committees shall consist of three types: 1) Executive Committee; 2) Standing; and 3) Ad Hoc. The Executive Committee shall be a Standing Committee and shall be chosen as provided herein.

Except for the Executive Committee, the Chair shall appoint the members of all remaining committees.

Section 2. Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of three voting members: Chair of the Authority as Chair of the Executive Committee, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and the immediate Past-Chair. The CEO of Piedmont Augusta Hospital, the Secretary of the Authority and General Counsel

shall serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee without a vote. In the event that any matter should arise requiring immediate Board action, the Executive Committee shall have power to transact business for the Authority, provided no actions shall conflict with the policies and expressed wishes of the Authority, and that such actions shall be reported to the Authority at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Chair of the Authority as Chair of the Executive Committee shall have a vote on said committee at all times. Other committees may not act on behalf of the Board except to the extent they have been expressly authorized to do so from time to time for specific purposes.

SECTION 3. Standing Committee.

Standing Committees shall have the responsibility to study issues, review facts, and submit recommendations to the Board for action. Unless specifically and expressly authorized for specific purposes from time to time by the entire Board, Standing Committees shall not be authorized to act for the entire Board.

SECTION 4. Ad Hoc Committees.

Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the Chair for such special tasks as circumstances warrant. Such special committees shall limit their activities to the accomplishment of the task for which created. Upon completion of the assigned task, the committee will automatically be dissolved.

Article X

Indemnification

Section 1. The Authority shall indemnify its members, past members, officers, employees, and agents to the extent and under the circumstances allowed by law.

Section 2. To the extent permitted by Georgia law, the Authority may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Trustee, Director, Officer or in a senior administrative or managerial position of the Authority, or is or was serving as a Trustee, Director, Officer or in a senior administrative or managerial position insuring such person against any liability asserted against him or incurred by him arising out of such capacity whether or not the Authority would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the laws of the State of Georgia.

Article XI

Amendment and Review

Section 1. Amendment.

These Bylaws may be amended by affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Authority (not just the majority of members present at any regular meeting of the Authority), provided the amendment shall have been proposed at a previous regular meeting.

Section 2. Regular Review.

These Bylaws shall be reviewed at least every two years by the entire Authority, and/or in conjunction with the orientation of any new member to the Authority, and/or in conjunction with the continuing education process of existing members.



Clerk of Commission

Commission, Authorities, & Boards Talent Bank Application

Title	Mrs.
First Name *	Joan
Middle Name *	Harris
Last Name *	Steinberg
Suffix	
Date Of Birth *	3/27/1954
Address *	Street Address 9 Bristlecone Way Address Line 2 City Augusta Postal / Zip Code 30909
	State / Province / Region GA Country United States
Home Phone *	7069515700
Work Phone	
Registered Voter *	<input type="radio"/> District 1 <input type="radio"/> District 3 <input type="radio"/> District 5 <input checked="" type="radio"/> District 7 <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> District 2 <input type="radio"/> District 4 <input type="radio"/> District 6 <input type="radio"/> District 8
Marital Status *	Married
Education *	College Degree
Race *	White
Gender *	Female
Occupation *	Realtor
Interests	Tennis, Movies, Real Estate, Walking, watching sports

Commissions, Authorities, & Boards

Volunteer For *
Richmond County Hospital Authority
Click add below to apply for more than one board.

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I currently have relatives working for the City of Augusta

☐ Yes

☒ No

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I currently serve on an Augusta Board, Commission, or Authority

☐ Yes

☒ No

I would like to receive an email confirmation of my submission.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Email

jsteinberg@blanchardandcalhoun.com



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Title	Dr.		
First Name *	Miriam		
Middle Name *	J.		
Last Name *	Atkins		
Suffix			
Date Of Birth *	5/11/2025		
Address *	Street Address		
	1 7th St		
	Address Line 2		
	Suite 1803		
	City	State / Province / Region	
	Augusta	GA	
	Postal / Zip Code	Country	
	30901	United States	
Home Phone *	7064149968		
Work Phone			
Registered Voter *	<div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/> District 1</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 2</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 3</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 4</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 5</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 6</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 7</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 8</div><div><input type="radio"/> None</div></div>		
Marital Status *	Divorced		
Education *	Doctorate Degree		
Race *	Black		
Gender *	Female		
Occupation *	Physician		
Interests	Reading, Traveling, Ballroom Dancing, Fine Dining		

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☐ No

Email

miratkins@aol.com



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Title	Mrs.		
First Name *	Virginia		
Middle Name *	Magnolia		
Last Name *	Patterson		
Suffix			
Date Of Birth *	7/5/1969		
Address *	<div>Street Address</div> 2748 Spirit Creek Road <div>Address Line 2</div>		
	City	State / Province / Region	
	Hephzibah	GA	
	Postal / Zip Code	Country	
	30815	United States	
Home Phone *	7065643196		
Work Phone	7067989363		
Registered Voter *	<div><input type="radio"/> District 1</div> <div><input type="radio"/> District 2</div> <div><input type="radio"/> District 3</div> <div><input checked="" type="radio"/> District 4</div> <div><input type="radio"/> District 5</div> <div><input type="radio"/> District 6</div> <div><input type="radio"/> District 7</div> <div><input type="radio"/> District 8</div> <div><input type="radio"/> None</div>		
Marital Status *	Married		
Education *	College Degree		
Race *	Black		
Gender *	Female		
Occupation *	Retired Teacher		
Interests	Societal - Community/Economic Development, Homelessness, Housing, Pedestrian /Non-Motor Vehiclist Safety		

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☒ Yes

☐ No

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Title	Dr.		
First Name *	Donald		
Middle Name *	Hulbert		
Last Name *	Loebl		
Suffix	Jr.		
Date Of Birth *	6/17/1976		
Address *	Street Address		
	1114 GLENN AVENUE		
	Address Line 2		
	City	State / Province / Region	
	AUGUSTA	GA	
	Postal / Zip Code	Country	
	30904	United States	
Home Phone *	7062848849		
Work Phone			
Registered Voter *	<div><div><input type="radio"/> District 1</div><div><input checked="" type="radio"/> District 3</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 5</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 7</div><div><input type="radio"/> None</div></div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> District 2</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 4</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 6</div><div><input type="radio"/> District 8</div></div>		
Marital Status *	Married		
Education *	Doctorate Degree		
Race *	White		
Gender *	Male		
Occupation *	Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician		
Interests	Reading, yard work, golf		

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☐ No

Email

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TALENT BANK INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

To be completed by persons desiring to volunteer their services on the Planning and Zoning Authority, Board or Commission for Augusta-Richmond County.

NOTE: Any information entered on this questionnaire would become public information upon your appointment.

Date 1/19/2017

1. Name: JAMES O'NEAL
2. Home Phone: 678 770 5281 Business Phone: 706 790 4600
3. Address: 2959 Foxhall Cir Richmond GA 30907
Street County State Zip
4. Date of Birth: 12/19/1971 Sex: Male ☒ Female ☐
5. Registered Voter: Yes ☒ No ☐
6. Voting District: 7
7. Marital Status: Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐
Engaged ☐ Divorced ☒
8. Education: High School AR Johnson Magnet
College MOREHOUSE COLLEGE, ATLANTA
9. Relatives working for the City/County: NONE
10. Occupation: Insurance Agent
11. Race: White ☐ African American ☒ Asian American ☐
Spanish Surnamed ☐ American Indian ☐ Other ☐
12. List Boards you presently serve on: Leadership Augusta, Augusta Chamber of Commerce,
13. List any area in which you have a particular interest or expertise:
Real Estate Remodeling/Renovations LAND USAGE
WATER AND POWER DISTRIBUTION

