



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

Cc: Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager – Current Operations
Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager – Finance, Planning and Development

Date: July 22, 2025

Re: Board Quorum Challenges

The Clerk of Council's Office is responsible for managing 43 boards comprised of 351 seats. As part of our ongoing efforts to support these bodies, we have been corresponding with many of them to assess their needs and offer them assistance where possible.

It has become clear that many boards, commissions, and authorities are struggling to hold meetings and conduct business due to lack of quorum. This issue primarily stems from two factors:

1. Vacant seats on the boards.
2. Poor attendance by existing members.

Attached is a brief report summarizing the current vacant seats. We recommend that Council review the report and consider ways to assist in addressing the vacancies and improving attendance, to ensure these boards can effectively carry out their responsibilities.

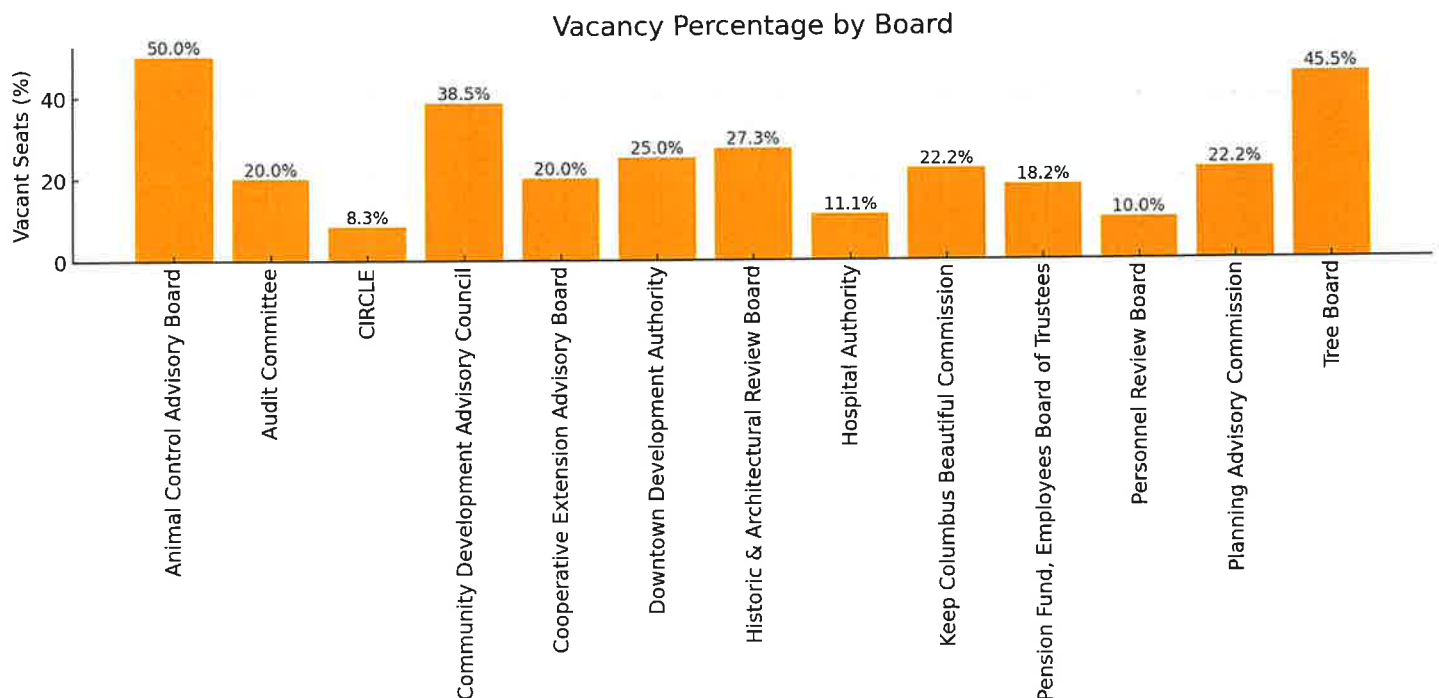
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council
City Council of Columbus, GA
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Board Vacancy Data Report

Board	Total Seats	Vacant Seats	Vacancy %
Animal Control Advisory Board	12	6	50.0%
Audit Committee	5	1	20.0%
CIRCLE	12	1	8.3%
Community Development Advisory Council	13	5	38.5%
Cooperative Extension Advisory Board	5	1	20.0%
Downtown Development Authority	8	2	25.0%
Historic & Architectural Review Board	11	3	27.3%
Hospital Authority	9	1	11.1%
Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission	9	2	22.2%
Pension Fund, Employees Board of Trustees	11	2	18.2%
Personnel Review Board	10	1	10.0%
Planning Advisory Commission	9	2	22.2%
Tree Board	11	5	45.5%



Note: The data presented in this report is derived from information recorded in the board management system maintained by the Clerk of Council's Office.