



COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

CURRENT VACANCY REPORT



**Prepared for the Mayor and Council
Columbus, Georgia**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a current overview of vacancies existing on Columbus Consolidated Government Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. The information contained herein is intended to assist the Mayor and Council in fulfilling appointment responsibilities, maintaining statutory compliance, and ensuring the continued effective operation of advisory, regulatory, and governing bodies serving the citizens of Columbus.

The report identifies current vacancies, appointment authorities, term information, and other relevant details necessary for consideration of appointments and reappointments.

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Boards & Commissions

457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD

457 Deferred Compensation Board shall serve to oversee the Plan and make such discretionary decisions as may be required for the administration of the Plan. The Board's duties will include a quarterly review of performance of Service Providers and their offerings and receiving and considering any comments or suggestions concerning the Plan which are presented by Plan Participants. The Board is also permitted by the Plan to adopt Plan Amendments which are deemed by counsel to be legally required or other amendments which do not substantially increase costs, contributions or benefits and do not materially affect the eligibility, vesting or benefit accrual or allocation provisions of the Plan.

The Board will consist of five members: 1) the Director of Human Resources or his/her designee by title, 2) the Director of Finance or his/her designee by title, 3) a general government employee who is a Plan Participant to be selected by the City Manager, 4) a Public Safety employee who is a Plan Participant to be selected by the Mayor in his/her capacity as the Director of Public Safety, and 5) a volunteer from the business community with expertise in the administration of deferred compensation plans nominated and confirmed by Council. The first two positions will be ex-officio voting members with no term limit. The citizens appointed to fill positions 3,4, and 5 will be appointed for terms of three-year terms and may succeed themselves for one additional term.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

AIRPORT COMMISSION OF COLUMBUS

Columbus Metropolitan Airport is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport. It has five members. The commission submits one nominee to the Council for confirmation. The term of office is five years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Dannell M. Marks

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Daria Cruzen

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council



Senatorial District: SD-29



****Eligible for reappointment.***

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD



The Animal Control Advisory Board should monitor the operation of the animal services division and render guidance and assistance. The board shall have nine voting members and three nonvoting members to be appointed as follows: One Georgia licensed veterinarian shall serve as a voting member; he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia licensed veterinarian shall be appointed for a two-year term; One Georgia veterinary technician currently working in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member; he/she need not be a resident of Columbus. The Georgia veterinary technician shall be appointed for a two-year term; A designated representative of PAWS Columbus, Inc. confirmed by the Columbus Council shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. The PAWS Columbus Board Member shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively; A representative of a licensed animal shelter or rescue operating in Muscogee County shall serve as a voting member. The appointment shall be recommended by the licensed animal shelter or rescue and then nominated and confirmed by the Columbus Council; they need not be residents of Columbus. This representative shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and may only serve three terms consecutively; Five citizens to be selected by the Columbus Council shall serve as voting members. The citizen members shall be appointed to serve two-year terms, except for the initial appointments upon adoption of this chapter, one citizen shall be appointed to a one-year term and one citizen shall be appointed to a two-year term. The citizen board members may only serve three terms consecutively; An employee of the Environmental Health Division, Columbus Department of Public Health shall serve as a non-voting member of the board. The board member is to be appointed by the county board of health and confirmed by the Columbus Council; The contract administrator identified by the Mayor and approved by the Council in any contract between the consolidated government and a non-profit licensed shelter to provide animal control division services for Columbus shall be a voting ex-officio member of the board and the animal services director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the board. (As amended by Ordinance No. 24-065)

Current Vacancies



 **Vacancy** Term Ends: Oct 15, 2025
 **Appointing Authority:** Council
Position: Georgia veterinary technician (2-year term)
Category: voting member

 **Vacancy** Term Ends: N/A
 **Appointing Authority:** Ordinance
Position: Animal Services Director (Nonvoting Ex-Officio Member)
Category: Non-Voting Ex-Officio Member



**Seat previously held by the Director of Public Works.*

 **Vacancy** Term Ends: Apr 11, 2026
 **Appointing Authority:** Recommended by licensed animal shelter (Nominated and Confirmed by Council)
Position: Animal Rescue Shelter Representative (2-year term) May serve 3 terms

Upcoming Vacancies

 Jo A Brown
 **Term Ends:** Oct 15, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Georgia licensed veterinarian (2-year term)
Senatorial District: n/a

**Eligible for reappointment.*

 Karen D Gaskins
 **Term Ends:** Oct 15, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

**Eligible for reappointment.*

AUDIT COMMITTEE

It shall be the responsibility of the audit committee to provide independent review and oversight of a government's financial reporting processes, internal controls and external auditors. The audit committee's functions may include: (a) participating in the process of selecting or retaining the consolidated government's independent external auditor; (b) communicating directly with the external auditor on at least an annual basis to review the work of the external auditor as to the scope of the annual audit and any matters of concern with respect to internal controls; and (c) reviewing any reports of the internal auditor in advance of their presentation to Council. The internal auditor of the consolidated government will be available to provide information and technical assistance to the Committee. The Council shall bi-annually designate two of its members and three external members to serve as an audit committee. The external members will be required to have a finance, governmental or accounting background. Two external members will be chosen by the Mayor, and one external member to be chosen by City Council. No member may serve more than six continuous years. The terms shall be two years and members may serve three consecutive terms (Ref. of 11-8-22)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

This board was established for the purpose of carrying out the duties heretofore exercised by the Muscogee County Board of elections and the Muscogee County Board of Registrars and which have the powers relating to the conduct of elections and primaries and the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures that are provided for in the laws of Georgia. It has five (5) members, consisting of one each from the two (2) major political parties and three appointed by the Columbus Council. (Act No 149 (H.B. 941) signed into law by the Governor on April 4, 1991) Its executive director is also appointed by the Columbus Council. The term of office is four years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Department of Family and Children Services. It has five (5) members which are appointed by the Columbus Council. (O.C.G.A. 49-3-2 and Columbus Charter Sec. 4-602)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Darlene P. Small

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Appropriate School Personnel (Active or Retired)


Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment. Listed on 06-16-2026 agenda for nomination.***

BOARD OF HEALTH


This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Department of Public Health. It has seven (7) members, two (2) of which must be licensed and practicing physicians and three other citizens members, all of which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The Mayor and the City Manager serve in the other two positions by virtue of their titles. (GA Laws 1941, Page 937 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-601)

Current Vacancies

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** N/A
Position: City Manager

**Will update once the newly appointed City Manager has officially started.*

Upcoming Vacancies

 Jibike Adegbile
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

**Not eligible for reappointment.*

BOARD OF HONOR

This board was established for the purpose of honoring deceased citizens through a continuing memorial program under which public activities, buildings, bridges and other facilities may be named for citizens who have distinguished themselves through services to the city. It has seven (7) members, all of which must be former elected official of Muscogee County. All of its members are appointed by the Columbus Council. (Columbus Code, Sec. 2-81 through 2-87) Members are eligible to succeed themselves, pursuant to Ordinance No. 02-109 and Ordinance No. 11-23.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



John Wells

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Senatorial District: SD-29

Wayne Anthony

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

Members are appointed by the Columbus Council. It has five members who must meet special qualifications as required by Georgia Law. The term is six years. (O.C.C.G., Sec.48-5-290 and 48-5-291, Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-624, and Columbus Code, Sec. 19-21 through 19-29)

After a member is appointed or reappointed a resolution is listed for approval at the following meeting.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Lanitra Sandifer Hicks

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

This board has the responsibility for the operations of Columbus Water Works. It is established by Act No 54, adopted by the General Assembly of Georgia on December 3, 1902. (GA Laws 1902, Page 370-377) It has five (5) members. The Mayor serves as one of the five members, the other four are appointed by the Columbus Council in the month of July for terms beginning the following January. (GA Law 1902, Page 370-377, Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-600) The term of office is four (4) years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Clint W. Cox

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Nicholas Smith

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

This board is responsible for deciding appeals and granting variances relative to the enforcement of the zoning regulations. It has five (5) members, which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The terms are three years (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.2.4)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Angela D Strange

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Ernest Smallman, IV

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Kathleen Mullins

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

This board issues bonds to finance the construction and/or improvements of public facilities. It has five members, with one member being appointed the Mayor and four are appointed by Columbus Council. The term is two years. (1945 Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. VI, Pa. 1, as amended Nov. 5, 1968 Ga Laws 1966, Pg. 946) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council

Upcoming Vacancies



Tyler R Martindill
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Notes: Vincent Allen resigned to leave seat vacant
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Johnny W Byrd, II
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



William A Maddox
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Anthony Johnson
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council

***Eligible for reappointment.**



William A Maddox
Term Ends: Mar 24, 2027
Appointing Authority: Mayor
Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

- Provides supervision and control over the construction, operation, maintenance, and management of Bull Creek, Fountain City, and Oxbow Meadows Golf Courses
- Establishes rules, regulations, and pricing for use of golf courses and related facilities
- Maintains records, conducts business, and submits reports to Columbus Council on operations and conditions of facilities
- Oversees financial management, including use of revenues, surplus funds, and compliance with budget allocations
- Appoints a Golf Director to manage daily operations, staffing, and administration of golf facilities
- Authorized to enter contracts, purchase equipment, and manage improvements and development of facilities

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Alonzo E. Jones

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Kenneth Davis

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



Ken Crumpler

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



William E Roundtree

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Not eligible for reappointment.**



Gerald Miley

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Tommy Nobles

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY

The Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority was established to supervise the manager, employees, buildings, grounds and operations of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center. It has five (5) members, all of which are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by Columbus Council. Members shall be qualified voters of Columbus. The terms are three years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Johnathan Payne

Term Ends: Oct 24, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY

The Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, created as of July 1, 2025, is a subordinate branch of the Columbus Consolidated Government to supervise the managers, employees, buildings, grounds and operations of the Columbus Civic Center, Columbus Ice Rink, AJ McClung Stadium, and the South Commons Softball Complex, (“the Facilities”).

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2028

Notes: Voting

Appointing Authority: Mayor / Confirmed by Council

Position: Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Upcoming Vacancies



No upcoming vacancies.

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE)



The Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters promotes and coordinates communication, contacts and encounters between Columbus and the people of other nations and facilitates cross-culture communications and association among the various national groups in Columbus. It has twelve (12) members, with four members being appointed by the Mayor and eight being appointed by Columbus Council. The terms are four years.



At least six members must be United States citizens and registered Columbus voters, but because of the Commission's mission, up to half of the members need not meet this criteria. (Ordinance No. 96-7)



Current Vacancies



 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2026
 **Appointing Authority:** Mayor
**Researching this vacancy for accuracy.*



Upcoming Vacancies

 Mary Kathryn V Mccray
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Eligible for reappointment.*

 Mary Quiller
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Not eligible for reappointment.*

 Eric Spears
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Mayor
Senatorial District: SD-29
**Not eligible for reappointment.*

 John Jackson
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Not eligible for reappointment.*

 Natasha Banks
 **Term Ends:** Mar 01, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
**Eligible for reappointment.*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (CDAC)

The Community Development Advisory Council provides an advisory function to the City Council of The Consolidated Government through its (departments and staff), an annual program plan for the Community Development Block Program and other Federal Grant programs administered by the Community and Economic Development Department; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and considering decisions regarding the Community Development Program and other Federal Grant programs; to provide a vehicle for communicating community needs between the citizens, Community and Economic Development Staff, other Departments and the City Council of Columbus, Georgia; to assist in determining the communities needs on all grant applications for Community Block Grant funds and other available HUD Grant funds; to monitor program development (progress on approved projects) and routinely review expenditures as outlined in applications for funding; and to recommend programs, activities or projects to Community and Economic Development Staff to be under taken by the Community Development Block Grant funds and other HUD Grant Programs. There are ten members (one from each Council District) and three members from the neighborhood strategy redevelopment and revitalization areas and community recommended by Community Development Staff to be appointed by the Mayor. Members appointed by Council shall serve for two-year terms and members appointed by Mayor shall serve for three-year terms.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Mar 27, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: District 5 (2 year term)



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Mar 27, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: District 1 (2 year term)

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CVB)

The Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners was established to promote tourism, trade, and conventions in Columbus. It has nine (9) members, three shall represent the hotel/motel industry, three shall represent the restaurant/retail trade, and three shall serve at-large. Members are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Columbus Council. The appointments are to be in July of each year prior to the expiration of the term with the new appointment term to begin in January. The terms are three years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Dan Gilbert

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Restaurant / Retail Trade

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***



Michelle Spivey

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Hotel / Motel Industry

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Pace M Halter

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Hotel / Motel Industry

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD

The Cooperative Extension Advisory Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Georgia Extension Service for the consideration of policies of the department and recommendations for its administration and program development throughout the community. Even though this original charter section was repealed in 1980, the board continues to function. It has five members which are appointed by the Columbus Council.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2028
Appointing Authority: Council

**Researching this vacancy for accuracy.*

Upcoming Vacancies



Sharayah Davis
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-29

Following a meeting between the Clerk of Council and the Director of Cooperative Extension, it was determined that this board has been inactive for several years and is no longer functioning at an active capacity. Accordingly, the Clerk of Council recommends, and the Director of Cooperative Extension supports, the dissolution of the board, contingent upon a determination by the City Attorney's Office that such action is legally permissible.

Last minutes received: 04-19-2021

CRIME PREVENTION BOARD

The Crime Prevention Board shall establish and recommend the process and method for awarding service agreements to various agencies for the delivery of crime prevention programs. This board also reviews and selects for recommendation to the City Council those service agreements that meet the standards and criteria for funding. It has seven (7) members. The Mayor shall appoint the chairperson; one member from a local law enforcement agency to serve two-year terms; one education community representative (MCSD, Columbus Technical College or Columbus State University) three-year terms; one member shall serve as a Fort Benning Liaison for three-year terms. The Columbus Council shall appoint the remaining three members of the crime prevention board from citizens at large. two of these three members shall be appointed from different senatorial districts serving the city in the state general assembly. These three members shall serve a term of three-years.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Angela Florence

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Law Enforcement Agency (2 Year Term)

***Eligible for reappointment.**

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

The Development Authority of Columbus issues bonds to finance private industrial and business projects. Functions in Columbus, Georgia for the purpose of developing and promoting for the public good and welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in said political subdivision thereby promoting the general welfare of the citizenry. Its seven (7) members shall be residents and taxpayers of Columbus and are appointed by Council. Four-year terms.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority issues bonds to finance private industrial and business projects for the downtown area only. Its eight (8) members shall be residents of Columbus, not less than four (4) of which shall, in the judgement of the Columbus Council, either have or represent a party who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area.

Joint service of members to serve on the Development Authority and the Downtown Development Authority is allowable under Resolution No. 372-97.

(4 year terms, Ordinance No. 14-42)

(Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies

No current vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Employee Benefits Committee is to advise and assist the Mayor and Columbus Council with respect to issues concerning the benefits provided to employees of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government, including but not limited to, provision of a health plan, life insurance coverage, voluntary deferred compensation and similar benefits. The Employee Benefits Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, five of which shall be appointed by the Columbus Council, including two department directors or assistant directors. The sixth member shall be selected by general government employees and the seventh member shall be selected by public safety employees. The five members appointed by Council shall consist of one sworn officer from any public safety department, two members chosen from general government employees and two department directors or assistant directors. The Director of Human Resources or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The public safety appointees shall serve for terms of two years. The general government and department director appointees shall serve for terms of three years. All appointees shall be eligible to serve two consecutive full terms. (In accordance with Ordinance 13-9, members do not have to be residents of Columbus, Georgia.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Jules Hazen

Term Ends: Apr 30, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Sworn Officer (2-year term)

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Rachel S Blanks

Term Ends: Apr 30, 2027

Appointing Authority: Selected by Public Safety Employees

Position: Public Safety (2-year term)

Senatorial District: n/a

***Not eligible for reappointment.**

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR)

This board encourages preservation, maintenance and improvements of buildings of historic and/or architectural significance within the Historic Districts. It has eleven (11) members appointed by the Columbus Council, one architect registered in the State of Georgia, one member of the Columbus Homebuilders Association, one members of the Historic Columbus Foundation, one member of the Historic District Preservation Society, one member of the Columbus Board of Realtors, one member of the Uptown Business Association, one member of the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc., two members who are residents of historic districts created by the Columbus Council, and two members serving at-large. (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.3.1 through 9.3.16)Historic & Architectural Review Board

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Jan 31, 2029
Appointing Authority: Uptown Business Association
Position: Uptown Business Association Representative
Senatorial District: SD-15

Upcoming Vacancies



Michael D Johnson
Term Ends: Jan 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Historic District Resident
Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Arreasha Z Lawrence Bryant
Term Ends: Jan 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Liberty Cultural Center
Position: Liberty Cultural Center Representative
Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Marjorie (“mollie”) M Smith
Term Ends: Jan 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Historic District Resident
Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

This board is responsible for the operation of Muscogee Manor and Highland House nursing homes. It has nine members. The Columbus Council makes three nominations for each vacancy. The authority itself actually fills the vacancies from the Council's nominees. The terms are three years. (O.C.G.A. Sec 31-7-72 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-621) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.) The Hospital Authority Bylaws allows for three consecutive terms. Hospital Authority of Columbus

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Wayne Joiner

Term Ends: Nov 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Sarah Banks-Lang

Term Ends: Nov 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Position: Vice Chairwoman

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Warner Kennon, Jr

Term Ends: Nov 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS

This board is responsible for all public housing projects. It is also, in conjunction with the Department of Community Development, responsible for the various urban renewal projects. It has seven (7) members, all of which are appointed exclusively by the Mayor. The term is five years. (Ga Laws, 1937, Page 210 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-620) (Increased by one member approved by Res. No. 444-99 pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sec. 8-3-50 appoint a Resident Advisory Board Member. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Tiffani N Stacy

Term Ends: Nov 16, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Position: Resident Position

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Jeanella Pendleton

Term Ends: Apr 30, 2027

Notes: 3rd Term: 03/08/2022;

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION (KCBC)

This board was established to work in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful, Inc. to achieve the goal of sustained reduction in litter as a first step towards improving the environment. In accordance with Ordinance 22-057, the membership has been reduced from 25 members to 9 members, with three (3) members residing in Senatorial District 15, three (3) members residing in Senatorial District 29 and the remaining three (3) members will be At-Large representatives. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission shall be elected by a majority vote of appointed commissioners. The Chairperson shall vote only in the event of a tie or only in the event that a vote of the chairperson would result in the majority necessary for any commission action. (Columbus Code, Sec. 2-131 through 2-138 (e))

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

This board was established to acquire tax delinquent properties in order to foster the public purpose of returning land, which is in a non-revenue-generating, non-tax-producing status.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Walker R Bickerstaff Jr.

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Deidre Tilley

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



S. Carson Cummings, Jr.

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***

Councilor-Elect Sherrie Aaron presently serves as Chairperson of the Land Bank Authority. In anticipation of her upcoming service on the Columbus City Council, she intends to resign her position to the Authority prior to the commencement of her Council term.

LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

- Established to provide advice and programming support for the operation of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
- The Center is a consolidated government property managed by the Columbus Civic Center Director and staff
- Mission is to promote, preserve, enhance, and celebrate African American heritage, artistic expression, and culture
- Programming includes live entertainment, education, acting, directing, playwriting, community programming, and creative partnerships
- Serves in an advisory capacity to the Civic Center Director on policies, operations, and program advancement
- In accordance with Ordinance 24-057, members may serve on more than one Council-appointed board, including members appointed prior to September 1, 2023

Current Vacancies

No current vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Fernando C Verdree

Term Ends: Aug 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Certified Public Accountant Rep.

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



George C Mcdowell

Term Ends: Aug 14, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

****Eligible for reappointment.***


NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH- MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD


The purpose of the New Horizons Community Board shall be to govern publicly funded programs for the purpose of providing certain disability services. The New Horizons Community Service Board exists for nonprofit and public purposes, and it is found and declared that the carrying out of the purposes of each community service board, which shall be established as a public agency. The board shall hereafter be known as the New Horizons Community Mental health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Service Board is exclusively for public benefit and its property is public property. The definition of "disability services" in these bylaws shall be identical to the definition of those terms spelled out in O.C.G.A. sections 37-2-2(4) and (4.1). The terms are three years and are not limited to two consecutive terms. In accordance with SB 349, the initial Board composition will be reduced from eleven to nine, one from each county we serve and two from Muscogee County. One optional member may be appointed by the Board. Elected officials from three counties providing the most funding to the agency, Muscogee, Harris, and Chattahoochee, will also be appointed to the Board.
-Serves 8 counties.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

 Nancy Schroeder
Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026
Notes: 3rd Term: 08/05/2008; 4th Term: 05/24/2011; 5th Term: 07/08/2014; 6th Term: 05/23/2017; 7th Term: 04/28/2020
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15
****Does not desire reappointment. Nominee needed.***

 Sandra Gill
Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026
Notes: 3rd Term: 08/05/2008; 4th Term: 05/24/2011; 5th Term: Unknown; 6th Term: Unknown; 7th Term: Unknown; 8th Term: 03/28/2023
Appointing Authority: Board
Position: Optional Member
Senatorial District: SD-29
****Does not desire reappointment. Nominee needed.***

PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There is only one board that is responsible for the administration of the city employee's pension funds. There are eleven members. Three members are designated by title. five members by name, one retired city employee and two members designated by a combined process of election and appointment from city department under the supervision of the City Manager and departments under the supervision of the Mayor in his capacity as Director of Public Safety. The five persons designated by name are selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the Columbus Council. Those members designated by titles are the Mayor, the City Manager and the Finance Director. The five members designated by name serve four years staggered terms of office. (Sec. 16A-13 (13.02) The two members designated by selection shall serve two-year terms of office. (16A-13) (13.02) Columbus Code, Sec. 16A-13 (13.01), 16A-25 (25.01), 16A-40 (40.01), 16A-53 (53-01) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board.) (Ordinance No. 22-056 removes the residency requirement.)

Current Vacancies

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** N/A
Appointing Authority: Authority
Position: City Manager
Dais Seat: City Manager

**Will update once the newly appointed City Manager has officially started.*

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jun 30, 2026
Appointing Authority: Mayor
Position: Business Community

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD

Personnel Review Board was established to make recommendations on personnel rules and regulations, hear appeals from employees, and investigate conditions of employment and report thereon at least annually to the Columbus Council. It has five regular and five alternate members. All members are appointed by the Columbus Council. The terms are three years (Columbus Charter Sec. 4-610 and 8-303, and Columbus Code Sec. 16B-1-5)

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Alternate Member 1



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Alternate Member 3



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2027
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Alternate Member 2

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION (PAC)

This board serves in an advisory capacity to the Planning Department and Council regarding the comprehensive plan, rezonings (amendments of the official zoning map), unified development code, modification of development approvals, special exception uses, and the official map of Columbus, Georgia. It has nine (9) members, which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The term is three years (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.2.3)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Rick Stallings

Term Ends: Aug 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Brad P Baker

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***



Lakshmi Karthik

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Michael L Ernst

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2027

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Gloria Thomas

Term Ends: Aug 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

The mission of the Public Safety Advisory Commission is to recommend resources, public safety practices and policies, and citizens' responsibilities needed to achieve a safe community to the Mayor, Columbus Council and our Public Safety Departments. The Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) members, ten (10) to be appointed by the Columbus Council and one (1) to be appointed by the mayor. Each member of the Commission shall be a resident of Columbus, Georgia. Five (5) of the initial members shall serve an initial term of one year and shall then be eligible to serve for two additional consecutive three-year terms. Six (6) of the initial members shall then be eligible to serve for two consecutive three-year terms. Other than those members serving an initial one-year term, members shall not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Once appointed, the Commission shall elect a chairperson to preside at its meetings which shall be held on a monthly basis. The Chief of police shall provide the Commission with clerical or administrative assistance. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Columbus Council.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Belvin Millner

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 4

****Not eligible for reappointment.***



Charles A McClure, Jr

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Mayor

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Mitch Watkins

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 6

****Eligible for reappointment.***



David Horiuchi

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 8

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Chris G Poirer

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 2

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Sarah E Maglione

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: District 10

****Eligible for reappointment.***

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Recreation Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the considerations of the department and makes recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the city.

The board shall consist of seven (7) members. Two (2) members shall be appointed from Senate District -15 and two (2) members shall be appointed from Senate District -29. These positions may be nominated by any Councilor. In addition, each at-large councilor shall appoint one (1) member to serve at-large. Terms of office shall be four (4) years. The seventh voting member shall be the Athletic Director of the Muscogee County School District serving in an ex-officio capacity.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies



REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The purpose of the Region Six Regional Planning for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (Formerly West Central Georgia Regional Board) shall be to provide and facilitate coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery for the West Central Region in conformity with standards and procedures established by the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse. The West Central Georgia Regional Board shall establish policy and direction for disability services planning, delivery and evaluation, including outcome functions as may be provided or authorized by law. Membership of the West Central Regional Board shall be for a period of three years and until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. A member may serve no more than two consecutive terms. (The terms are three years)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

 Janet C Bussey
 **Term Ends:** Jun 30, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Senatorial District: SD-15

****Does not desire reappointment. Nominee needed.***

RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Retiree Health Benefit Committee is to advise and assist the Mayor and Columbus Council with respect to issues concerning the Retiree Health Plan and other benefits provided to retirees of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government. The Retiree Health Benefit Committee shall be composed of six (6) members, one member appointed by the Mayor and four members appointed by the Columbus Council. The Committee shall contain at least three active members of the Columbus, Georgia Retiree Health Plan. The Director of Human Resources or his designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Mayor's appointee shall serve as Chair and shall serve a term of two years and the Council appointees shall serve for terms of three years. All appointees shall be eligible to serve two consecutive full terms. Ordinance 13-10 removes the residency requirements and the members of the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee shall be able to serve simultaneously on another board, commission or authority of Columbus, Georgia.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION (RVRC)

River Valley Regional Commission is an area wide board, consisting of members from 16 member counties. Columbus has two representatives. The mission of the River Valley Regional Commission as a local government organization of, for and by cities and counties within its sixteen-county jurisdiction is to work together with member local governments for the betterment of all its joint citizenry through visionary leadership, by the provision of cost effective services to member local governments, by promotion of quality growth through implementation of the Georgia Coordinated Planning Act of 1989 and other desired appropriate programs, by planning and implementing quality regional strategies, and through providing a collective approach to addressing issues of mutual concern to the regional community through consensus building.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

This board is responsible for the Medical Center. It has nine (9) members which must be residents and qualified voters of Columbus. For each vacancy, the Columbus Council submits a list of three eligible persons to the Authority. From this list, the Authority itself selects one of the individuals to fill the vacancy. The terms of office is 5 years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms.)

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Alpna R Arora

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



John Hargrove

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Susan McWhirter

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Notes: 3rd Term: 11/16/2021;

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Brenda DeRamus

Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council/Authority

Senatorial District: SD-29

****Eligible for reappointment.***

TREE BOARD

The Board shall prepare or update annually a written citywide tree master plan that guides the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees on public lands. The plan shall consider existing and future utility locations and environmental factors in relation to existing and future tree species on public lands or on private lands, as provided in this Article or other applicable provisions of the Code. The Board shall grant appropriate variances and hear appeals from any decision of the City Arborist regarding the enforcement of this Article 6 of Chapter 4 regarding tree preservation and replacement. The Board shall make recommendations to the City Arborist and the Mayor and Council. The Board shall act on other matters designated by this Article or this UDO or by the Mayor and Council.

Appointments by the City Council shall be made so that seven members of the Tree Board consist of representatives from each of the following groups:


- (1) A public utility providing service within the City;
- (2) An educator employed by Columbus State University, the Muscogee County School District, or Columbus Technical College whose principal field of activity is science and/or the environment;
- (3) The Director or a Commissioner of Keep Columbus Beautiful;
- (4) A representative of the development or building community of the City working primarily in commercial or industrial development;
- (5) A representative of the development or building community of the City working primarily in residential development;
- (6) A representative of an environmental advocacy group headquartered in the City; and
- (7) A representative who is a landscape or forestry professional.


The additional four members appointed by the City Council shall be appointed from the public at large.


The City Arborist shall serve as an advisor and as an ex officio member of the board but shall not have the right to vote as a Board member.


****This board has been inactive and in the process of being reestablished.***


Current Vacancies

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jan 01, 2029
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large
Senatorial District: SD-29

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Commercial or Industrial Development
Category: Commercial or Industrial Development

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jan 01, 2029
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large
Senatorial District: SD-29

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large

 **Immediate Vacancy** **Term Ends:** Jul 01, 2025
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Public Utility Representative



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** N/A
Position: City Arborist



Immediate Vacancy **Term Ends:** Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Residential Development
Senatorial District: SD-15

Upcoming Vacancies



Clifton Ruehl
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Educator
Senatorial District: SD-15



Robert Hecht
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: Commercial or Industrial Development
Senatorial District: SD-29
Category: Commercial or Industrial Development



Farah Dewsbury
Term Ends: Dec 31, 2026
Appointing Authority: Council
Position: At-Large
Senatorial District: SD-15

UPTOWN FACADE BOARD

Uptown Facade Board provides and protects continuity in design and preserves the architectural integrity of the properties within the jurisdiction. It has nine (9) members appointed by the Columbus Council, one member representing the Historic Columbus Foundation, two members representing Uptown Columbus, Inc., and six members from the Uptown Business Improvement District.

Current Vacancies

No current vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



César F Bautista

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Business Improvement District

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Francis B Schley

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Historic Columbus Foundation

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Norman S Easterbrook

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Business Improvement District

Senatorial District: SD-15

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Rachel Kelly

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Business Improvement District

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**



Douglas L Koppang

Term Ends: Oct 31, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Position: Uptown Columbus

Senatorial District: SD-29

***Eligible for reappointment.**

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY has the mission of enhancing the development and promotion of commerce, trade, industry, and employment opportunities for the public good and to promote the general welfare of the Region. A total of 31 members from the counties with 4 members from Muscogee County. The terms are four years. CUSSETTA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY CITY OF WEST POINT HARRIS COUNTY MARION COUNTY MUSCOGEE COUNTY RUSSELL COUNTY, AL TALBOT COUNTY

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Benjamin A Moser

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Eligible for reappointment.***



Walker Garrett

Term Ends: Jun 30, 2026

Appointing Authority: Council

Senatorial District: SD-15

****Not eligible for reappointment.***