



**DATE:** June 8, 2022

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**      **Setting Staggered Citizen Member terms**

**FROM:**      Nicole Hendrickson, Gwinnett County Chair

**IMPORTANCE:**

The ARC Board includes 15 at-large members not holding elective or appointed public office, colloquially called Citizen Members. Those at-large districts are established by the Georgia General Assembly and are redrawn after either the addition or removal of a county from the area, or after the release of decennial census population data. Both events occurred in 2021, and the districts were redrawn. All Citizen Members were elected into terms which began with the new districts taking effect on January 1, 2022. In order to stagger the service of Citizen Members joining and leaving the Board, one half of the members must serve a two-year term as established by the designated public members of the Board at the time of election. This resolution records which Citizen Member Districts are serving 2-year terms, and which will be serving 4-year terms as a result of the 2021 actions.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Adopt recommended Citizen Member terms.



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

## **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AT-LARGE MEMBER TERMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-84 sets the composition of the ARC Board including 15 at-large members; and

**WHEREAS**, after an area has been added or removed from a regional commission or after the publication of a United States decennial census, the members of the General Assembly whose representative or senatorial districts lie wholly or partially within an area shall meet upon call by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and shall divide the area into 15 districts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Forsyth County was added to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the United States decennial census was released; and

**WHEREAS**, new districts were drawn and new at-large members elected; and

**WHEREAS**, Members at large of a commission shall serve for a term of four years, except that one-half shall serve an initial term of two years as designated by the public members; and

**WHEREAS**, after the 2010 United State decennial census was released, districts 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 14, and 15, were designated as initial terms of two years by the public members of the Board,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the public members of the Atlanta Regional Commission Board designate that districts 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13 shall serve initial terms of two years, which began on January 1, 2022; and

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the public members of the Atlanta Regional Commission on June 8, 2022.

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Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Executive Assistant/Board Secretary.