

# FULTON COUNTY VETERANS EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC

Board Established by: County

**Description:**

At it's April 21, 2021 Recess Meeting, (Item number 21-0282) the Fulton County Board of Commissioners created and established the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment Commission, Inc., A Domestic Non profit entity: authorizing and directing the County Manager and County Attorney to take all necessary steps to form and implement this entity consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

The Veterans Commission shall, among other things, function to empower veterans to improve their health and wellbeing, and provide information and resources to veterans and their families on available benefits, medical care, social support and financial opportunities. The Veterans Commission shall serve as an advisory body to the Board of Commissioners to investigate and provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners of priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the veteran population in Fulton County and to research, apply for grant funding and make funding recommendations for public and private programs which will benefit the veteran population of Fulton County, Georgia.

At the July 10, 2024 First Regular Meeting, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners adopted an Ordinance (#24-0488) amending Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article 2 (County Governing Authority), Division I (Generally), to create a new Section 101-76 of the Fulton County Code of Laws to provide procedures for District and Full Board appointments to the Boards, Commissions, Taskforces, Committees, Councils and Authorities affiliated with, or operating on behalf of Fulton County, Georgia, to provide that all appointees serve at the pleasure of either the nominating Commissioner for District appointments or the Board of Commissioners for Full Board appointments.

**Membership/Appointment:**

The Veterans Commission shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members. Such appointees shall be residents of, or work in Fulton County and shall have military experience or expertise in the areas affecting military veterans.

**Term:**

Veterans Commission shall serve three (3) year terms, with such term subject to the discretion of the appointing Commissioner, who can remove a member for cause, otherwise such member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

**Compensation:** NONE                      **Stipend:**

**Meetings:**

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| MEMBER                       | APPOINTMENT  | TERM ENDING |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1 Dr Samantha K. Brown-Parks | District 3b Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Lee Morris | 12/31/2024  |

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| 2  | Shawn Hanley     | District 2a Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Bob Ellis             | 12/31/2024 |
| 3  | Stephen Leake    | District 2b Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Bob Ellis             | 12/31/2024 |
| 4  | Eldson McGhee    | District 5a Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington   | 12/31/2027 |
| 5  | Anthony Merritt  | District 5b Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington   | 12/31/2027 |
| 6  | Walter Mitchell  | District 6b Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman | 12/31/2027 |
| 7  | Michael Moore    | District 3a Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Lee Morris            | 12/31/2024 |
| 8  | David Pratt      | District 7a Nominated By: Chairman<br>Robert L. Pitts           | 12/31/2027 |
| 9  | Lawrence Reeves  | District 6a Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman | 12/31/2027 |
| 10 | John L Walsh     | District 1a Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Bridget Thorne        | 12/31/2024 |
| 11 | Richard H. White | District 1b Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Liz Hausmann          | 12/31/2024 |
| 12 | Roger Wise       | District 7b Nominated By: Chairman<br>Robert L. Pitts           | 12/31/2027 |
| 13 | Gloria Wynn      | District 4a Nominated By:<br>Commissioner Mo Ivory              | 12/31/2027 |