



Transit District Board Member Election Process District 1

Cherokee, Forsyth and Fulton Counties

HB 930 SNAPSHOT

HB 930 creates a process for electing 10 Board Members for the new ATL (Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority), which involves multiple elected officials throughout 10 different “Transit Districts” that intentionally cross county boundaries. ATL Board members, according to HB 930, must be elected no later than December 1, 2018. District 1 includes all of Cherokee County, and parts of Forsyth and Fulton Counties.

Step 1: Mayoral Representation in District Election

HB 930 states that “one mayor from the municipalities located within” each authority district will be chosen from “a caucus of all mayors from the municipalities located within” each authority district, for the purpose of participating in the election of that district’s ATL board member. For District 1, the mayors convened on August 22, 2018. Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques was selected to serve as the mayors’ representative in the election for the Transit District 1 board member election, which occurs in step 2.

Alpharetta	Mayor Jim Gilvin	Mountain Park	Mayor Jim Still
Ball Ground	Mayor Rick Roberts	Nelson	Mayor Sylvia Green
Canton	Mayor Gene Hobgood	Roswell	Mayor Lori Henry
Cumming	Mayor Troy Brumbalow	Sandy Springs	Mayor Rusty Paul
Holly Springs	Mayor Steven Miller	Waleska	Mayor Doris Jones
Milton	Mayor Joe Lockwood	Woodstock	Mayor Donnie Henriques

Step 2: Election of Board Member Involving Legislators and Local Elected Officials

HB 930 provides that for each District, “a resident” of that district who “possesses significant experience or expertise in a field that would be beneficial to the accomplishment of the function and purpose of” the ATL is to be elected by a caucus of elected officials. The chair of the board of commissioners from the county with the largest population represented in the Transit District (“Chair”) shall call a meeting of the caucus.

For Transit District 1, Chair L.B. “Buzz” Ahrens of Cherokee County would call for the meeting.

This caucus includes:

- All state Senate and House members whose legislative districts are included in whole or in part within ATL Transit District 1;
- All county commission chairs whose counties are included in whole or in part within ATL Transit District 1; and
- A mayor who has been selected from a caucus of mayors outlined above in Step 1.

For District 1, the slate of participants in the Transit District election is composed of the following 25 elected officials:

LEGISLATORS

Senator Bruce Thompson	District 14	Senator Kay Kirkpatrick	District 32
Senator Brandon Beach	District 21	Senator John Albers	District 56
Senator Michael Williams	District 27		
Representative Kevin Tanner	District 9	Representative Matt Dollar	District 45
Representative Michael Caldwell	District 20	Representative John Carson	District 46
Representative Scot Turner	District 21	Representative Jan Jones	District 47
Representative Wes Cantrell	District 22	Representative Betty Price	District 48
Representative Mandi Ballinger	District 23	Representative Chuck Martin	District 49
Representative Sheri Gilligan	District 24	Representative Wendell Willard	District 51
Representative Todd Jones	District 25	Representative Deborah Silcox	District 52
Representative Marc Morris	District 26	Representative Meagan Hanson	District 80

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Cherokee County Commission Chair	L.B. "Buzz" Ahrens	Woodstock Mayor
Forsyth County Commission Chair	Todd Levent	Donnie Henriques
Fulton County Commission Chair	Robb Pitts	

Certification: The Chair must provide notice to the ATL, certifying the attendance of those who participated in the Step 2 vote, the person who was elected by the caucus, and the tally of votes.

Once the caucus in Step 2 elects an ATL Board Member for District 1, this member will join 9 other similarly-elected Board members from the other 9 ATL Transit Districts, as well as 2 appointees from the Lt. Governor, 2 appointees from the Speaker of the House, one appointee by the Governor (who will serve as the Chair of the Board), and the non-voting Commissioner of Transportation, to comprise the entire 16-member ATL Board of Directors.

The ATL has additional information on suggested ways to implement the vote.

For more information on the ATL, visit <http://www.srta.ga.gov/atl/>.

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