



# Transit District Board Member Election Process

## District 7

### DeKalb, Gwinnett and Rockdale 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 7 includes parts of DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties, and all of Rockdale County.

### 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 7, the mayors convened on August 27, 2018. Stone Mountain Mayor Patricia Wheeler was selected to serve as the mayors’ representative in the election for the Transit District 7 board member election, which occurs in step 2.

<b>Clarkston</b>	Mayor Ted Terry
<b>Conyers</b>	Mayor Vince Evans
<b>Lithonia</b>	Mayor Deborah Jackson
<b>Loganville</b>	Mayor Rey Martinez
<b>Pine Lake</b>	Mayor Melanie Hammet
<b>Snellville</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bender
<b>Stone Mountain</b>	Mayor Pat Wheeler
<b>Stonecrest</b>	Mayor Jason Lary
<b>Tucker</b>	Mayor Frank Auman

### 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 7, CEO Michael Thurmond of DeKalb 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 7;
- All county commission chairs whose counties are included in whole or in part within ATL Transit District 7; and
- A mayor who has been selected from a caucus of mayors outlined above in Step 1.

For District 7, the slate of participants in the Transit District election is composed of the following 28 elected officials:

## LEGISLATORS

Senator Curt Thompson	<b>District 5</b>	Senator Fran Millar	<b>District 40</b>
Senator P.K. Martin	<b>District 9</b>	Senator Steve Henson	<b>District 41</b>
Senator Emanuel Jones	<b>District 10</b>	Senator Tonya Anderson	<b>District 43</b>
Senator Brian Strickland	<b>District 17</b>	Senator Gloria Butler	<b>District 55</b>
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Representative Scott Holcomb	<b>District 81</b>	Representative Dar'shun Kendrick	<b>District 93</b>
Representative Karla Drenner	<b>District 85</b>	Representative Karen Bennett	<b>District 94</b>
Representative Michele Henson	<b>District 86</b>	Representative Brenda Lopez	<b>District 99</b>
Representative Coach Williams	<b>District 87</b>	Representative Brett Harrell	<b>District 106</b>
Representative Billy Mitchell	<b>District 88</b>	Representative Clay Cox	<b>District 108</b>
Representative Pam Stephenson	<b>District 90</b>	Representative Dale Rutledge	<b>District 109</b>
Representative Vernon Jones	<b>District 91</b>	Representative Pam Dickerson	<b>District 113</b>
Representative Doreen Carter	<b>District 92</b>	Representative Tom Kirby	<b>District 114</b>

## LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>DeKalb County CEO</b>	Michael Thurmond	<b>Stone Mountain Mayor</b>
<b>Gwinnett County Commission Chair</b>	Charlotte Nash	Pat Wheeler
<b>Rockdale County Commission Chair</b>	Oz Nesbitt	

**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 7, 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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