

Request for Nominations
For the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance Board

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) charges communities that receive funds under the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Program of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act with specific responsibilities. Relevant organizations in the Georgia Balance of State (BoS) designated the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to manage those responsibilities.

In the Governance Charter for the Georgia Balance of State CoC, which was approved as updated by the Balance of State CoC, the make-up of Balance of State CoC board membership was established. The board will be comprised of nineteen people, thirteen of which will be appointed by various state departments, local governments, or interests related to homelessness among Veteran, and one homeless/formerly homeless representative that will be appointed by the Membership and Rules Committee. And five members of the Governance Board will represent each of the five DCA “Super Regions,” that will be selected by a community process. In January 2022, the terms for all “At Large” seats will expire. These five board seats will be filled following this call for nominations from the community, followed by a review by a Membership and Rules Committee that will finalize a recommended slate of Board Members.

The Membership and Rules Committee is inviting the community of stakeholders to nominate potential Governance Board members for the “Super Region” seats. A basic packet of information as well as a FILLABLE Nomination Form is posted on DCA’s web page at the following link: <http://www.dca.ga.gov/node/3829>. Please share it with others in the community. Please consider in making your board nomination that the Balance of State CoC strives to foster a climate of purposeful diversity of racial and cultural identity, background, nationality, sexual and affectional orientation, gender identity and its expression, religious background and belief, marital status, family structure, age, and educational status mirroring that of the constituents served. It affirmatively prioritizes those persons who by their background are effective voices for constituents served, including but not limited to those who have experienced (or who are experiencing) homelessness. Nominations that help fulfill this goal are encouraged.

Detailed information about the Governance Structure, and the responsibilities of the Board, can be found at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care-0>.

If you are interested in serving on the Governance Board, or if you wish to nominate a person, please complete the form attached and submit it to Tina Moore at bosmonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

The deadline to submit nominations is December 17, 2021, at 5:00 P.M.

Thank you for helping to identify key candidates for the CoC Governance Board and for your investment in ending homelessness in Georgia.

MEMBERSHIP AND RULES COMMITTEE “AT-LARGE” NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCESS

BoS CoC Board membership shall be established to include five (5) members to be elected by the full membership, with one from each of the five (5) GA Department of Community Affairs’ “Super Regions” (see map in Exhibit A).

The Membership and Rules Committee is charged to develop and implement a process for the nomination and election of “at-large” Board members from each of the five (5) DCA super-regions. All appointments will be subject to approval by the Membership and Rules Committee based upon criteria established by that Committee herein.

The Membership and Rules Committee will have ultimate responsibility for making sure that the appointments meet HUD and Continuum rules around diversity in the selection of Board members so that “relevant organizations” will be included.

This Committee may serve, as necessary, as a nominating committee for Board appointments, as well as for candidates for election.

In accordance with HUD’s Continuum of Care Interim Regulations, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is designated as the Collaborative Applicant. The Collaborative Applicant shall conduct elections for regional Board members.

Minimal criteria used for nomination and confirmation of “at-large” members to the CoC Board are:

- They must be representative of the relevant organizations and/or of projects serving homeless subpopulations;
- They must be “relevant” – meaning that they must be located in, or represent a balance of community stakeholders in that region; and
- They must have experience or expertise in homelessness or in providing homeless assistance.

Individuals must meet these criteria in addition to being an active participant in the continuum of care. In the case of an organization that HUD calls a “relevant organization” which has not previously participated in the continuum of care, the past participation requirement may be waived. Representatives from relevant organizations include nonprofit homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, and organizations that serve veterans and homeless and formerly homeless individuals.

Other desired characteristics for Governance Board Members include:

- Familiarity with local homeless needs and/or resources, gaps;
- Experience in homelessness or in providing homeless assistance;

- Have a passion for working to end homelessness;
- Recognition as a leader by the constituency (s)he will represent;
- Capable of working effectively on a team;
- Have experience limiting/managing conflicts of interest;
- Have time available to accomplish the tasks and participate in quarterly meetings/special called meetings; and
- Willing to commit to at least 3 years of service.

In regard to the time commitment, the standing schedule for Board meetings are quarterly (February, May, August, and November). Meetings start at 1:00 PM (until around 2:00-2:30 PM), and they are held at the Atlanta office of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. There is a conference call option for the standing meetings. In addition, during the CoC competition there are up to two special meetings called that are held by conference call. Board Member terms shall be for three years. Absent reappointment or a new appointment, Board Members shall continue to serve indefinitely following the end of their term. There shall be no limit on terms of service.

As listed in the Georgia Balance of State CoC Governance Charter*, responsibilities of the Board include:

- Following its initial ratification by membership, and in consultation with the Collaborative Applicant and the HMIS Lead, update and follow the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance Charter [578.7(5)]. Exception: The Board selection process outlined in the Charter may only be revised by a vote of membership;
- Publish agendas on the DCA Continuum of Care website and hold meetings as necessary to carry out the work of the Continuum. Full membership meetings must be held at least twice annually [578.7(1)];
- Appoint standing committees outlined in the Governance Charter, as well as additional committees, as necessary, and in collaboration with its committees, manage the work of the “Collaborative Applicant,” and “HMIS Lead” [578.7(4)].
- Appoint Committee members;
- Act on recommendations of Continuum Committees; and
- Set Priorities for the Continuum based on solely upon committee recommendations.

*Approved Governance Charter and other related information available under the Manuals link at: <https://dca.ga.gov/housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/policies>

Nomination and Voting Process

1. Following membership solicitation, DCA will distribute the Request for Nominations to interested parties serving or living in the Balance of State CoC and post the notice on DCA's web site
2. Nomination forms, with candidate information, are to be sent to DCA (see page 1 of the Request for Nominations document for instructions).
3. Candidate information will be distributed to the Membership and Rules Committee. Following review by all parties, DCA will set up a meeting (conference call or in-person) with this

Committee to discuss eligibility of candidates, regional selection, and other criteria. Specific candidates may also be targeted by this Committee.

4. Based on the selection criteria listed, the Membership and Rules Committee will develop and release a slate of proposed candidate nominations (one for each region) for full membership vote on the slate, as a whole.
5. DCA will solicit votes from the full list of Voting Members and voting will take place through an on-line process so that votes will be recorded.

Voting Membership Policy

1. Each agency will have one vote for all matters called to a vote, including but not limited to, board representation.
2. It is the responsibility of each organization to designate a voting member.
3. While individuals, and non-voting staff of agencies, can be members of the CoC, provide input, and serve on committees, only organizations will have the ability to vote.

Regional At-Large Board Member Vacancies Policy

1. Following the determination of a vacancy(ies) of a Regional At-Large Board Member (as defined in the Code of Conduct), DCA will distribute the Request for Nominations to the full membership roster for nominations of interested parties serving or living in the BoS CoC Region(s) with the vacant seat(s) and post the notice on DCA's web site.
2. Nomination forms, with candidate information, are to be sent to DCA (as defined in the Request for Nominations).
3. Candidate information will be distributed to the Membership and Rules Committee. Following review by all parties, DCA will set up a meeting (conference call or in-person) with this Committee to discuss eligibility of candidates, regional selection, and other criteria. Specific candidates may also be targeted by this Committee.
4. Based on the selection criteria listed, the Membership and Rules Committee will develop and release information on the proposed candidate nomination (one for each related region with a vacancy) for full membership vote on the slate, as a whole.
5. DCA will solicit votes from the full list of Designated Voting Members and voting will take place through an on-line process so that votes will be recorded.

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Attached are two (2) documents:

- 1) GA Balance of State CoC Board Nomination Form
- 2) Balance of State Super Regions Map – Exhibit A

Nomination for “Super Region” Seat on the Governance Board

Please submit completed form to DCA at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov (due by 12/17/21, 5:00 PM).

Name of Person Being Nominated	
Organization (if applicable)	
Job Title (if applicable)	
E-mail Address	
Phone Number	
Is this person aware they are being nominated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (self-nomination)	
Super Region seat that the individual would fill (please see BoS CoC Super Regions Map) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Region 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Region 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Region 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Region 5	
Please identify the current role this individual holds in the community:	
Is this individual affiliated with a member agency of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown If Yes, this person is a(n): <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Name of Organization (if applicable):	
Board Members must live or work in the geographical area of the Balance of State (BoS) CoC. Please identify how this individual qualifies by listing the counties represented, as well as the actual street address (home or work, whichever is applicable) of the nominee:	
Based on the minimal criteria and desired characteristics listed in the attached materials, describe what makes this person uniquely qualified to serve on the BoS CoC Board:	
Briefly describe other experience or expertise (work or volunteer) that qualifies this individual to represent the specific seat identified:	

Voluntary Information Requested

Homelessness: The Georgia BoS CoC has a designated seat on the Board for someone with lived experience of homelessness (who is currently or formerly homeless). Nominations that help fulfill this goal are encouraged. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so.

Is this individual homeless/formerly homeless? Yes No Unknown/Prefer not to answer

Statement on Diversity: The Balance of State CoC strives to foster a climate of purposeful diversity of racial and cultural identity, background, nationality, sexual and affectional orientation, gender identity and its expression, religious background and belief, marital status, family structure, age, and educational status mirroring that of the constituents served. It affirmatively prioritizes those persons who by their background are effective voices for constituents served. You are not required to furnish this information but are encouraged to provide any of the below backgrounds for the Nominee that would assist the Balance of State CoC in meeting this goal.

Gender Identity: _____

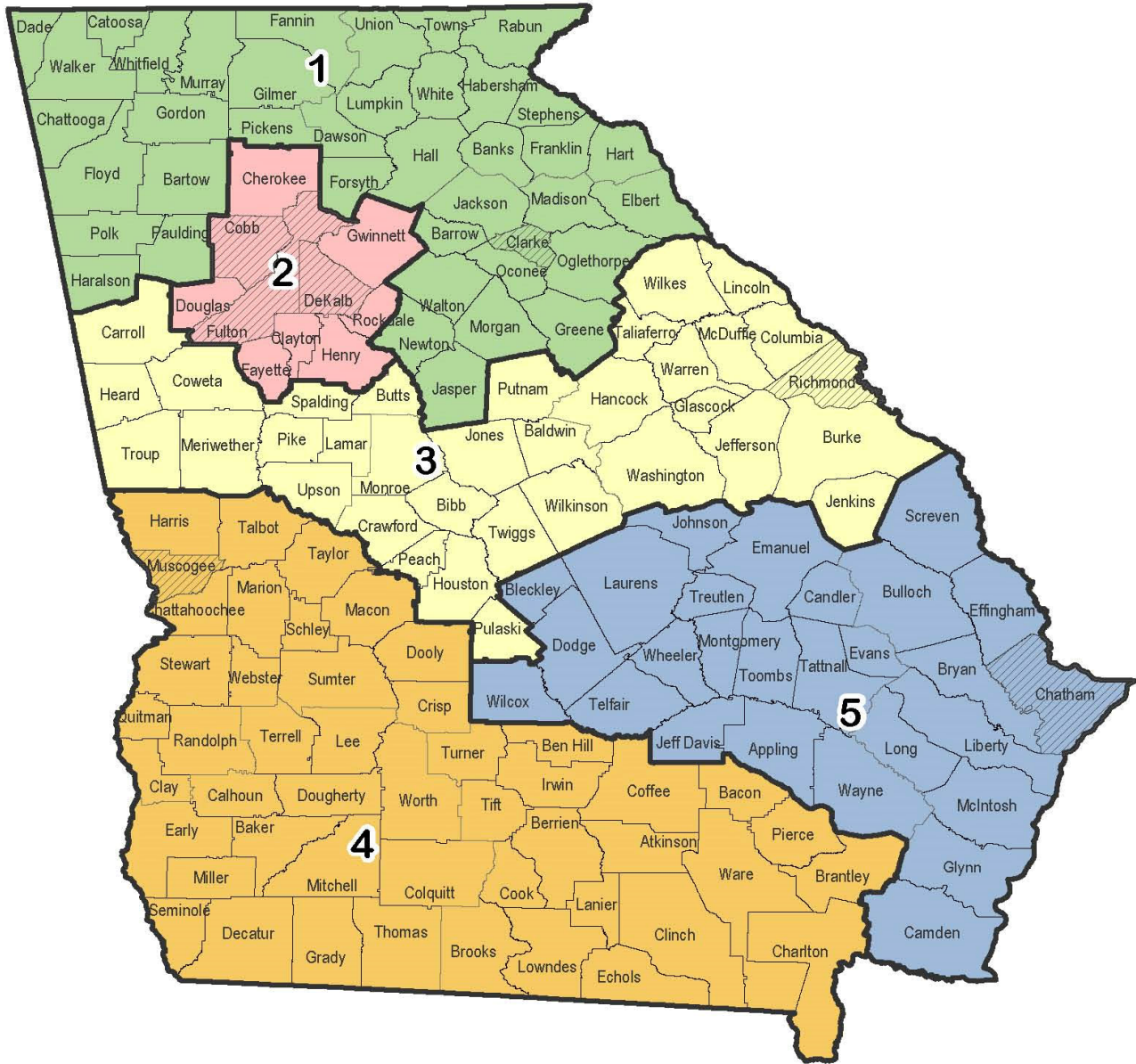
Racial Identity: _____


Ethnicity: Hispanic Non-Hispanic

Other: _____

Name of person making nomination	
Email Address	
Phone	

BoS CoC Super Regions



 Counties outside of the Balance of State CoC