Should the ethics referendum pass on November 3, 2020, there will be eight (8) weeks for appointing authorities to complete the selection process for new Board of Ethics members who, by law, take office on January 1, 2021. This compressed timeline would require a coordinated and transparent process among the appointing authorities. Click the link for the recommendation details at https://dekalbcitizens.org. If you support these recommendations, contact members of the appointing authorities listed below.

Appointing Authorities for Board of Ethics members:

Senate Delegation - 3
Senator Emanuel Jones

emanuel.jones@senate.ga.gov

House Delegation -3 Representative Karla

karla.drenner@house.ga.gov

Irvin Johnson

Tax Commissioner – 1

Clerk of Superior Court – 2 Alternates

Drenner

ijjohnso@dekalbcountyga.gov

Debra DeBerry ddeberry@dekalbcountyga.gov

November 2020 Application Process

Appointing authorities combine efforts for completing the application and selection process to ensure consistency and transparency.

A public call for applications made by sending press releases to:

DeKalb County's print and social media resources

Each commissioner's newsletter

DeKalb Relay

County's website

County's official legal organ (The Champion)

and

Sending announcements to community organizations throughout DeKalb County

Key Dates:

November 3, 2020 - Referendum revising "The Board of Ethics"

November 4, 2020 -Begin the selection process for new Board of Ethics members

November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving holiday

December 2020 Interview/Selection Process

Candidates are considered based on qualifications specified in Code of Ethics:

Professional knowledge or expertise in matters of ethics, finance, governance, or the law,

Residency of DeKalb County for at least one (1) year,

Remain a resident of DeKalb County while serving,

Have no interest in contract, transaction, or official action of DeKalb County within two (2) years,

Cannot be a member of any agency or an official or employee of the County within two (2) years of appointment,

Cannot have been a candidate for or elected to public office within three (3) years of appointment, and

Proposed appointments are subject to an education and employment background check as well as criminal history check.

Key Dates:

December 11 through December 18,

2020 Hanukkah

December 25, 2020 - Christmas holiday

December 31, 2020 - Last date to select appointees to Board of Ethics

January 2021

Effective date of New Board of Ethics

New Board of Ethics appointments effective January 1, 2021

Key Date:

January 1, 2021 - New Year's Day January 1, 2021 - Date specified in legislation for new Board of Ethics members to take office