

July 8, 2021

Adrienne McMillon, Chair  
Harold Smith, Jr., Vice Chair  
DeKalb County Audit Oversight Committee

Sent via email

Dear Ms. McMillon and Mr. Smith:

I am writing on behalf of the DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council (DCAC) in response to DeKalb Chief Audit Executive John Greene's announcement at the June Audit Oversight Committee meeting that he will not be seeking reappointment at the end of his term in September. The members of the DCAC board are community leaders in DeKalb County. Prior to the establishment of our organization most of us actively worked with the General Assembly to develop and support the 2015 DeKalb County reform initiatives, including the establishment of the Audit Oversight Committee and the position of Chief Audit Executive. We would like to encourage you and the other committee members to conduct a national search for Mr. Greene's replacement.

Mr. Greene was identified through such a search in 2016. His successful service as the first Independent Internal Auditor for DeKalb County over the past five years stands as an example of the type of professionalism and independence you should be seeking in his replacement.

In addition to his numerous professional certifications as a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Inspector General, Certified Government Auditing Professional, and Certified Government Financial Manager, Mr. Greene brought to the position more than 25 years of experience working with state and local governments.

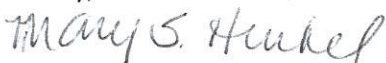
Moreover, he saw his role as not only working for the taxpayers of DeKalb County to ensure full transparency and accountability in the spending of public funds, but also as one adding value to the administration and operation of county government by assisting agency leaders in improving their departments' performance.

We believe his professional knowledge, experience, and the constructive objectivity he displayed throughout his term earned him the respect of all, and helped him build, with your support, a first-class independent internal auditor function. DeKalb County residents deserve for that momentum to continue.

Mr. Greene leaves big shoes to fill. We are counting on your committee to be thoughtful and thorough in identifying the best candidate to fill them.

Thank you for your service to DeKalb County.

Sincerely,



Mary S. Hinkel, Chair  
DeKalb Citizens Advocacy Council, Inc.

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