



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve Chatham EDC Board members

Action Requested: Vote on a request to approve Chatham EDC Board member appointments

Introduction & Background: Currently Chatham EDC has 5 active members eligible to serve one additional term, 2 Board members that have served the maximum number of terms and 2 additional openings from Board members that have resigned. The EDC nominating committee solicited nominations and conducted interviews with 9 new applicants. Based on those interviews, the committee recommended reappointment of the 5 current members and a recommended slate of 5 additional members. The committee members felt that all 5 additional members were extremely qualified and would make significant contributions, but ranked them preferentially.

Discussion & Analysis: According to Article III, Section 3 of the Chatham County EDC's current bylaws:

"Each voting director of the corporation shall be appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, as follows: Each County Commissioner may nominate a candidate for a director position to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Each of those directors shall be appointed to serve a four year term to run concurrent with the current term of the County Commissioner who nominated that director. Up to ten at-large director positions shall be selected by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Each of these at-large directors shall serve four year terms, with one-half of those directors appointed by the board every two years following the swearing in of new or returning commissioners that resulted from the bi-annual election of County Commissioners.

The Chatham County Commissioners shall make their appointments from a roster of candidates who have completed the formal application and review process conducted by the Board of Directors of this corporation based on a process and qualifications agreed to by the Board of Directors of the corporation and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners."

Two of these vacancies represent commissioner appointments for District 1 and District 2. The other 7 are at large. 6 of the at-large members will serve 4 year terms and 1 will be filling the remaining 2 years of a resigned member.

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: The Chatham EDC nominating committee submitted 2 letters of recommendation to the Chatham EDC Board (see attached). The first letter recommends the reappointment of the 5 EDC Board members eligible to serve second terms. The second letter recommends that the remaining appointments come from a list of applicants that were ranked in order of preference. At its January 30, 2017 meeting the Chatham EDC Board of Directors approved both letters of recommendation from the EDC nominating committee. Consider the proposed slate of Board

appointments that was approved by the EDC Board.