



District 3, Atlanta

In Office Since:
2021

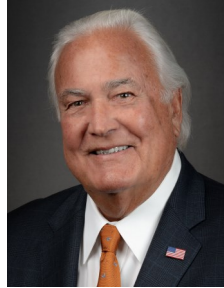
Fitz Johnson Commissioner

Fitz Johnson is a businessman, attorney, and a 21-year veteran retired U.S. Army Officer. He has vast experience in building and leading companies as well as non-profits, driving growth and producing positive results.

Among his business accomplishments was serving as owner/CEO of Eagle Group International, a \$175 million contracting firm with 1,700 employees in 35 states and seven foreign countries.

An active member in his community, Commissioner Johnson serves on several boards, including Kennesaw State University Foundation Board of Trustees, the Cumberland Counseling Center, the Wellstar Health System Board of Trustees, as a Commissioner on the State Charter Schools Commission, an active member of his local Chamber of Commerce, and is an active member of his Church.

Commissioner Johnson was a college wrestler at The Citadel and later spent 15 years as an assistant wrestling coach, including two with his alma mater. A passionate sports fan, and former owner of the Atlanta Beat of Women's Professional Soccer, Johnson has served for over a decade as a community football, soccer, and wrestling coach helping to mentor, develop, and teach today's youth through sports.



District 4, Clarkesville

In Office Since:
2009

Lauren "Bubba" McDonald Commissioner

Lauren "Bubba" McDonald served 20 years as a state Representative prior to his tenure on the Public Service Commission. He served on the PSC from 1999-2005, then was elected again in Nov. 2008. He has a deep knowledge of the energy industry and uses that knowledge on the Electric Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as an executive member of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition.

Commissioner McDonald presided over the advent of solar power in Georgia resulting in the state becoming one of the fastest growing in the nation for solar energy. He has accomplished this through a conservative and thoughtful, free-market approach without putting upward pressure on rates and without state-sponsored financial incentives. In 2013, Georgia had virtually no solar power on the grid. Commissioner McDonald was able to garner support to add 525 megawatts of solar energy to the portfolio of the state's investor owned utility. Currently, utility companies are erecting solar power facilities that will provide a total of 4,610 megawatts of solar energy by the end of 2022.

McDonald has also supported the construction of solar facilities at six of Georgia's military bases, contributing to national security and helping to protect the bases from future base closure proposals.

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District 5, Marietta
In Office Since:
2018

Tricia Pridemore Chairman

In July 2021, Tricia Pridemore was unanimously elected Chairman of the Commission by her fellow Commissioners. Previously, she chaired the Telecommunications Committee that focuses on telecom matters including rural broadband.

In addition to her duties with the Commission, she serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of the Financial Research Institute at the University of Missouri, on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners as Vice Chair of Pipeline Safety and the NARUC Subcommittee on Education and Research. Commissioner Pridemore is also a member of the Board of the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities. In 2020, Commissioner Pridemore was appointed to the U.S. Department of Energy and NARUC Natural Gas Partnership, designed to facilitate the exchange of information on emerging regulatory and technological solutions.

Commissioner Pridemore is a businesswoman with a background in technology, consulting and workforce development. She has served on the Georgia World Congress Center Board of Governors, the 2019 Transition Team of Gov. Brian Kemp, the 2011 Transition Team of Governor Nathan Deal and co-chaired both of Governor Deal's Inaugural Committees in 2011 and 2015.



District 2, Hoschton
In Office Since:
2011

Tim Echols Vice Chairman

When Tim Echols took office, Georgia was 34th nationally in solar power. Now, it's 9th in installed solar. In 2020, Conservatives for Clean Energy dubbed Echols the "Solar Architect of Georgia." He also created "The Clean Energy Roadshow" that travels the state every summer helping commuters, businesses and municipal governments evaluate alternative fuel vehicles.

Commissioner Echols authored the 2017 motion to keep Units 3 and 4 at Plant Vogtle moving forward. He believes carbon-free nuclear energy plus solar, plus storage, plus hydrogen is the best way forward for Georgians. He has regularly represented the United States at the World Nuclear Exhibition.

Always one to lead by example, Commissioner Echols added solar hot water heating to his Athens home just before his swearing in. He bought a natural gas car, a propane van and now owns an electric car. He also led the effort to provide the Salvation Army and two other agencies with \$5 million to help low income seniors in Atlanta with heating assistance. That program continues today.

Shortly after graduating from UGA, Tim Echols and his wife Windy founded TeenPact, a training experience for conservative high school students. The program began at the Georgia Capitol and now operates in all 50 states, having trained 50,000 students.



District 1, Lakeland
In Office Since:
2019

Jason Shaw Commissioner

James S. "Jason" Shaw Jr. is a native of Lanier County and a graduate of the Leadership Georgia class of 2004, the Leadership Lanier class of 2003, and the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership class of 2000. In 2011, he was recognized by Georgia Trend magazine's "40 under 40" list of young Georgia leaders in business and government. He is the owner of Shaw Insurance Services and a founder of Georgia Olive Farms Inc., both of Lakeland.

Commissioner Shaw formerly represented Georgia House District 176 for four terms. During his tenure in the General Assembly he served as Chairman of the Georgia Legislative Rural Caucus, a bipartisan group that takes a leading role in issues that impact the state's rural communities.

Commissioner Shaw maintains a dedication to community service. He served as the Lanier County Lions Club President in 2001 and as the Lakeland/Lanier County Chamber of Commerce President in 2006. In 2018, the Lanier County Lions Club named him "Flatlander of the Year." Also in 2018, the Lakeland/Lanier County Chamber of Commerce named him a member of its Board of Directors for life. He is a past director of the Greater Valdosta Area United Way and a past Trustee of the Valdosta Technical College Foundation.