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Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADC) Welcomes Two New Members to the HADC Board of Commissioners

DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA – The Housing Authority of DeKalb County's (HADC) President and Chief Executive Officer E.P. "Pete" Walker Jr. is pleased to announce and welcome two new members to the HADC Board of Commissioners. Jerome Edmondson and Bruce McMillian began their new Board appointments on June 24, 2026.

The HADC Board of Commissioners is a governing body of diverse individuals with a variety of vital, in-depth business and lived experiences. They serve as advisors in a supportive decision-making role to HADC's executive leadership and mission "to provide sustainable and affordable housing as a platform to enhance lives". https://www.dekalbhousing.org

Collectively, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for overseeing the direction of the Authority including housing policies and strategic planning. The Board of Commissioners hires the President and CEO of the Housing Authority to manage day to day operations with revenues and expenses exceeding $100 million annually and assets of exceeding $400 million.

More about the Housing Authority of DeKalb County's (HADC) Newly Appointed Commissioners:
- *Jerome Edmondson* is an author, entrepreneur, Veteran, corporate and small-business consultant who currently serves as the Senior Partner of Edmondson Associates, a business consulting, entrepreneur training and development firm with offices in Michigan and Atlanta, Georgia. Early on, Edmondson started his own restaurant consultant company, A&W Foods, named after his two sons, Aaron and William. From this experience, he connected with the *Denny's* restaurant chain and made national headlines as the nation's first African American franchise owner of a *Denny's* restaurant. Mr. Edmondson also owns TopTel USA a 4500 employee Customer Contact Center in the US and Mexico which answers phones for all 52 Mexican Consulates in the U.S. Jerome holds an Associate degree in Criminal Justice from Arkansas State University and a Bachelor's degree in business finance from Cleary University.

- *Bruce McMillian* is a U.S. Army Veteran and accomplished federal professional with over 30 years of distinguished service spanning law enforcement, civil rights enforcement, fair housing, and equal opportunity. With demonstrated expertise in investigating complex cases of fraud, waste, abuse, and

discrimination across multiple federal agencies including USDA, HUD, and FAA, Bruce is a Skilled Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Manager with a proven track record of resolving workplace disputes, managing multidisciplinary teams of certified mediators, and fostering inclusive organizational cultures through proactive leadership, stakeholder engagement, and a deep commitment to public service and justice. Mr. McMillan is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Academy. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree (Cum Laude) from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Arts degree from Atlanta University and has completed the Housing & Community Executive Program at University of Maryland.

Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADC) President and CEO E.P. "Pete" Walker Jr. says, "We are honored and happy to welcome Commissioners Edmondson and McMillian to our HADC Board of Commissioners. Their wealth of expertise in their areas of business as well as the experience of their tremendous service as veterans to our nation will greatly expand our ability to be of even greater, more meaningful assistance to those we serve each day with affordable housing opportunities that make a real difference."

HADC Board Chair Carleen Cumberbatch adds,
"On behalf of the entire HADC Board of Commissioners, we welcome Commissioner Edmondson and Commissioner McMillian! We look forward to their valuable input as we continue to collaborate on this critically important work of providing affordable housing solutions."

For a full list of current members of the HADC Board of Commissioners and additional information, please visit at https://www.dekalbhousing.org/about-us/leadership.php

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