



The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods Board Meeting

October 10, 2018
Peachtree Presbyterian Church
6:45 – 8:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees

	Name	Neighborhood/Organization	Email
1	Julian Bene	Morningside/Invest Atlanta	JulianBene@gamil.com
2	Asley Bozarth	Garden Hills	abozarth1@gmail.com
3	Cynthia Brown	BOE Seat 8 At Large	cbriscoe_brown@atlanta.k12.ga.us
4	Meria Carstarphen	APS Superintendent	
5	Glenn Cartledge	Memorial Park	GECartledge@gmail.com
6	Mary Dodson	Chastain Park	mary_dodson@mindspring.com
7	Jim Elgar	Loring Heights- J.P. Matzigkeit's	jimelgar@gmail.com
8	David Gylfe	Collier Hills	dcgylfe@bellsouth.net
9	Betsy Holland	Candidate House 54th	
10	Nolan Leake	Peachtree Heights West	nleake@bellsouth.net
11	Nancy Meister	Atlanta Board of Education District 4	nmeister@atlanta.k12.ga.us
12	Don Moreland	Unk	Don@solarcloudsource.com
13	Jennifer Rose	Mt. Paran-Northside	jenprose@gmail.com
14	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net

Attendance by Neighborhood

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BCN 2018/19 Officers (Executive Committee)

Office	Officer	Neighborhood	Email
Chairman	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
Vice-Chairman	Jeff Clark	Garden Hills	jeffbclark@gmail.com
Secretary	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
Treasurer	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net

BCN Standing Committees

Committee	Chair	Email
Executive Committee	Tom Tidwell	tom@tidwell-law.com
Education	Tom Tidwell	tom@tidwell-law.com
Transportation	Debra Wathen	6wathens@bellsouth.net
Other (Legislative, NPU, Parks, Voter Education/Registration, etc.)		

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I. Welcome & Introductions


Chair Tom Tidwell called the meeting to order at about 6:45 PM. A quorum was not present.

III. Admit New Member Neighborhoods

No new neighborhoods asked to be admitted as a BCN member neighborhoods.

III. Speaker

Dr. Meria Carstarphen, Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools

<p>Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods North Atlanta Cluster & District Update October 11, 2018</p>  <p>ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>	<h3>BCN Requested Agenda</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Welcome & Introductions□ State of the District (SOD) Address Highlights<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Budget Process• Minimum Standards of Service• K-12 Formula□ Budget & Finance<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Taxes• Spending per Pupil□ North Atlanta Cluster <p>Last Revised 10.11.2018 5:15pm</p> <p>2 ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>
<h3>SOD: Academics</h3> <h4>Early Childhood Education</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 62 Pre-K classes at 39 school sites (1,292 students)• All certified Pre-K teachers paid on the teacher salary scale• 97.7% of Pre-K seats filled for the 2018-19 school year• APS has joined the Atlanta Early Education Leadership Council <h4>Georgia Milestones</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Of 24 End-of-Grade and End-of-Course Exams, 18 (or 75%) showed gains – up from 52% last year, the highest gains to date across all EOG subjects• 64 Schools now showing gains• All 17 turnaround schools decreased the percentage of students performing at the lowest level with 6 schools showing a double-digit decrease <h4>2018 Graduation Rate</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 79.9% is the highest ever• Rate has increased 20.8 points since 2014• Gap between District and State graduation rate has been cut in half• 6 Schools have graduation rates higher than 90% <p>Last Revised 10.11.2018 5:15pm</p> <p>3 ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>	<h3>SOD: Culture</h3> <h4>Student Support Services</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District's Charter Operating Model provides flexibility and autonomy for schools• Community partners providing wraparound services include: <i>Vision 2 Learn CareSource Children's Healthcare of Atlanta AVLIF Chris180</i>• District earned No Place for Hate designation for a third year <h4>Safety & Security</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 400 District employees trained in restorative practices• Student arrests are down 29% from inception of Atlanta Public Schools Police Department in 2014 <h4>Partnerships</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$61 million has been raised through partnerships, 300 new partners established• Some District partners include: <i>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Coca-Cola Delta Airlines Georgia Power Walton Family Foundation RedfineEd SunTrust Newell Brands</i> <h4>Partnerships</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employee engagement has increased 11% in just two years <p>Last Revised 10.11.2018 5:15pm</p> <p>4 ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>

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SOD: Talent Management

Talent Management

- \$30 million in compensation investments
- 100% of principal and assistant principal positions filled
 - 80% filled from internal candidates
- Only 7 teacher vacancies in the District at the start of the 2018-19 school year
 - Lowest of all metro Atlanta school districts



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SOD: Systems & Resources

Technology

- Tab2Read
 - 5,000 1st graders get devices at for home use
- T-Mobile Initiative
 - Laptops for all 6th and 7th graders
- Sprint 1 Million Initiative
 - 2,500 high school students get mobile devices
- \$13 million over 4 years in ESPLOST funds for technology infrastructure improvements in schools

Budget

- District's Student Success Funding model focuses on site-based control of funds at the school level
 - \$818.4 million general fund budget provides more funds to schools and students
 - \$256 million to support students in poverty
 - \$9 million for textbook and substitute funds
- 1 mill rollback returns approximately \$33.4 million to taxpayers each year
- SB485 would provide \$20 to \$25 million annually in taxpayer relief if approved by voters in November

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Property Taxes

Our Board approved a total levy of 20.740 mills at the August 6, 2018 Board of Education meeting, which is 1.0 mill less than the total levy last year. In other words, a rollback of 1 mill which will return approximately \$33.4 million to taxpayers. When combined with SB485 -- which we support -- if passed in November, will provide \$206 million in relief to taxpayers over the next four years.

- o Fulton County Judge granted a temporary collection order earlier this year to all for the collection of property
- o Secured a \$60 million tax anticipation note to cover our costs through December 31st
- o Almost 73% of our General Fund revenue comes from local tax collection, and 94% of those tax revenues come from the Fulton County Tax Digest alone.
- o Senate Bill 485 would increase the homestead exemption from \$30,000 to \$50,000. That change would remove \$20 million to \$25 million from the APS digest each year for 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- o When combined that with the 1 mill roll back — a mill is equivalent to roughly \$25 million for us — that means approximately \$206 million in relief to taxpayers over the next four years.
- o Other legislative initiatives could impact the growth of the digest, exemption changes or modifications to tax allocation districts.

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Per Pupil by Function

	FY2018 Adopted			FY2019 Adopted			Change
	Budget	% of Exp	Per Pupil	Budget	% of Exp	Per Pupil	
Instruction ¹	\$490,393,118	63.08%	\$9,644	\$526,372,279	64.31%	\$10,252	\$35,979,161
Pupil Services ²	\$41,327,188	5.32%	\$813	\$46,296,941	5.66%	\$902	\$4,969,752
Staff Services ³	\$56,993,501	7.33%	\$1,121	\$50,855,788	6.21%	\$990	(\$6,137,713)
Federal Grant Admin ⁴	\$2,870	0.00%	\$0	\$2,870	0.00%	\$0	\$0
School Admin ⁵	\$37,756,912	4.86%	\$743	\$40,775,334	4.98%	\$794	\$3,018,422
General Admin ⁶	\$35,631,362	4.58%	\$701	\$37,405,193	4.57%	\$729	\$1,773,830
Maintenance & Ops ⁷	\$79,833,041	10.27%	\$1,570	\$80,342,826	9.82%	\$1,565	\$509,785
Transportation ⁸	\$31,492,359	4.05%	\$619	\$31,942,366	3.90%	\$622	\$450,007
School Nutrition	\$378,872	0.05%	\$7	\$378,942	0.05%	\$7	\$71
Other Outlay ⁹	\$2,758,273	0.35%	\$54	\$2,896,084	0.35%	\$56	\$137,811
Debt ¹⁰	\$800,000	0.10%	\$16	\$1,166,742	0.14%	\$23	\$366,742
Total	\$777,367,495	100.00%	\$15,288	\$818,435,364	100.00%	\$15,940	\$41,067,869

- Increase to charters, partners, TRS and average teacher salary.
- School-based investments in wrap-around services (non-instructional paras, parent liaison, SST interventions)
- Fewer schools purchasing Instructional Coaches, restructuring of Extended Learning Program in Turnaround
- Estimates pending special revenue templates.
- Schools purchasing Business Manager, Bookkeeper, etc.
- Increase in TRS and salaries. Increase in Operational Technology
- Increase to salaries and benefits
- Increase to salaries, fuel
- Transfer to Early Learning for increased supplement for teachers' salaries
- Misestimate annex

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IV. Presentation

Don Moreland, Solarize Atlanta

Note: No handouts are available from the BCN meeting. The material shown here is from the Solarize Atlanta web site at <https://www.solarcrowdsource.com/campaign/atlanta-ga/>.

What is Solarize Atlanta?

Solarize Atlanta is a community-based solar energy group purchasing campaign that makes solar more affordable and accessible for the residents of Atlanta. Solarize campaigns harness the power of the crowd to save some major green while residences and businesses go green.

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Save Thousands



Increase Your
Property's Value



Low
Payback Period



Savings
from Day 1



Take Advantage
of Incentives



Solar is a Secure
Investment



Guaranteed
Performance



Save the
Environment



Create Energy
Independence



Simple
and Easy

The organizers of the campaign sought competitive bids from the local solar community to ensure best-in-class materials are installed by qualified solar professionals for the lowest price.

What you can expect from Solarize Atlanta:

- **Savings:** Savings through group purchase of materials, focus on a limited geographic area, and tiered pricing schedule.
- **Vetted Contractor and Materials:** Through a competitive bid process, Solarize includes the selection of a qualified solar contractors and best-in-class materials so you don't have to.
- **Free Solar Evaluations:** Sign up by the end of August and get a free solar evaluation including preliminary site design, energy usage profile, and financial analysis.
- **Education and Outreach:** Several free workshop and education events that include discussions on solar 101, the Solarize Atlanta program, and pros and cons of solar. You will meet the contractors, learn about materials, pricing and payback, and get your questions answered.
- **Limited Time Campaign:** To generate inertia and motivate procrastinators. Once campaign ends, discount pricing goes away.

Enrollment Periods

Residential Contract Period Open Through December 31, 2018

Commercial/Nonprofit Enrollment Period Open Through December 31, 2018

Commercial/Nonprofit Contract Period Open Through April 30, 2019

V. Community Concerns & New Business / Announcements

Election Day is November 8, 2018

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VI. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018

VIII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Prepared by Gordon Certain, BCN Secretary, December 29, 2018

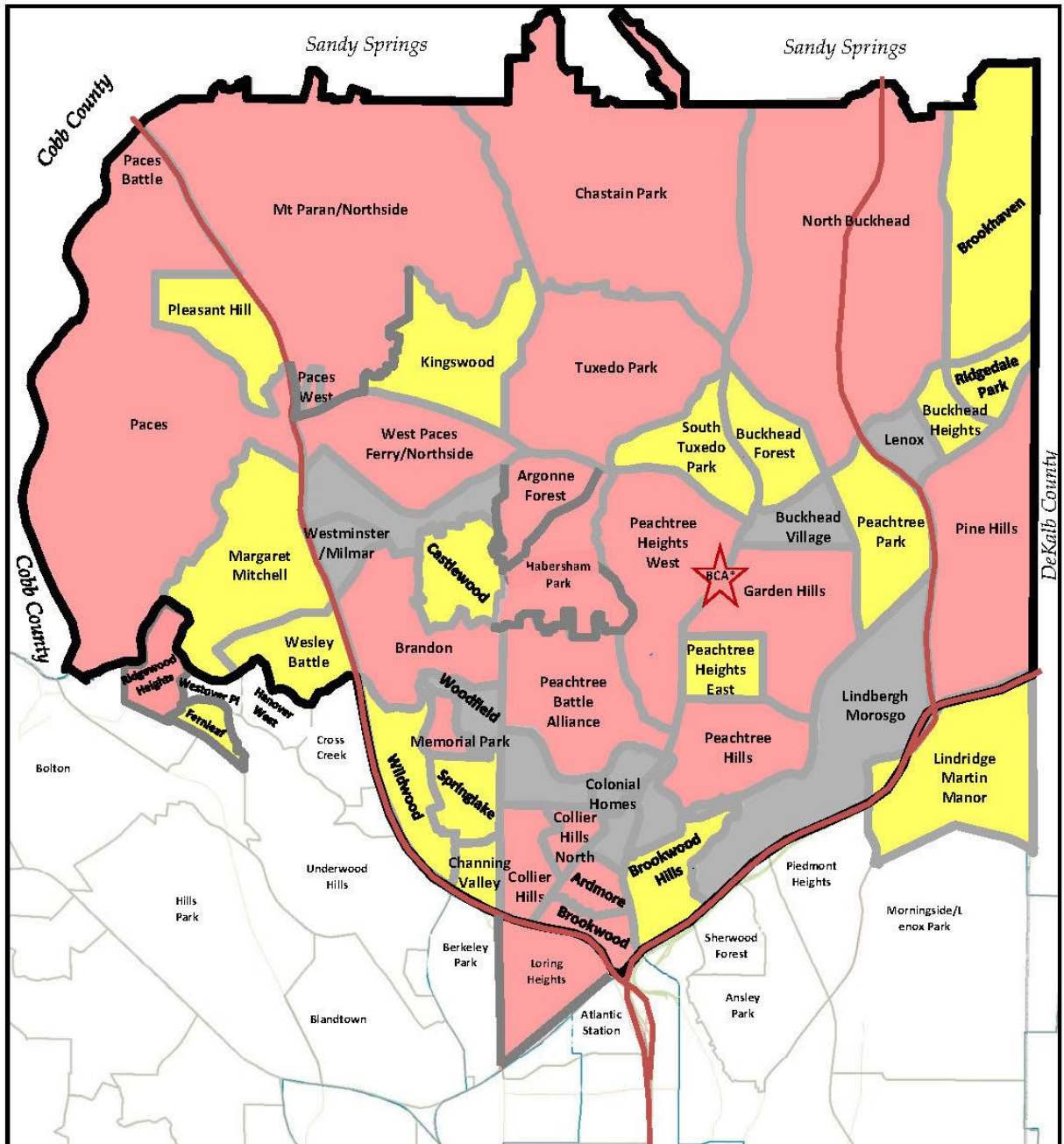
Note: BCN Secretary Gordon Certain was absent. These minutes were prepared based on information collected by other BCN officers except as noted.

BCN's web page is at www.BuckheadCouncil.org.

Note: *Opinions expressed by the speakers, visitors, and individual neighborhood representatives in these minutes do not necessarily represent those of BCN or its member neighborhoods.*

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Paid Membership as of 10/10/18



* BCA = Buckhead Condo Alliance

LEGEND

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YES NO N/A

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Neighborhood		Dues		Neighborhood Representation at Board Meetings															
		2017	2018	2016	2017	2018													
				Met 10 Times	Met 10 Times	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
1	Ardmore Park	✓	✓	55%	13%														
2	Argonne Forest		✓																
3	Brandon	✓	✓																
4	Brookwood	✓	✓		25%														
5	Brookwood Hills																		
6	Buckhead Condo Alliance	✓	✓	77%	75%	✓		✓	✓	✓									
7	Buckhead Forest																		
8	Buckhead Heights																		
9	Buckhead Village			44%	25%														
10	Castlewood																		
11	Channing Valley																		
12	Chastain Park	✓	✓	44%	25%	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	
13	Collier Hills	✓	✓	33%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓					
14	Collier Hills North	✓	✓	55%	38%		✓	✓	✓					✓					
15	Fernleaf	✓																	
16	Garden Hills	✓	✓	44%	100%	✓	✓	✓						✓				✓	
17	Grant Estates																		
18	Habersham Park		✓																
19	Historic Brookhaven			33%															
20	Kingswood																		
21	Lindbergh																		
22	Lindridge Martin Manor			11%															
23	Loring Heights	✓	✓	77%	50%		✓	✓										✓	
24	Margaret Mitchell																		
25	Memorial Park	✓	✓	44%	75%	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓				✓	
26	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓	88%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓	
27	North Buckhead	✓	✓	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓					
28	Paces	✓	✓	77%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	
29	Paces West	✓			38%														
30	Peachtree Battle Alliance		✓	33%															
31	Peachtree Heights East																		
32	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	55%	38%		✓	✓		✓									
33	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓		50%	✓	✓	✓											
34	Peachtree Park																		
35	Pine Hills	✓	✓	55%	63%	✓	✓	✓						✓					
36	Pleasant Hill																		
37	Ridgedale Park			11%															
38	Ridgewood Heights	✓		11%	13%														
39	Springlake	✓		11%										✓					
40	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓	55%	63%	✓		✓	✓					✓					
41	Wesley Battle	✓			13%		✓												
42	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	88%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					
43	Wildwood																		
Totals		22	21	Avg:12	Avg:12	11	14	18	10					10	?	6			