



July 1, 2026

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MEETINGS

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- 7/6 No Meeting: July 4th Holiday
- 7/13 Ann Marie Bedtke, Executive Director, Horizons Atlanta
- 7/27 William Pate, President and CEO, Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau
- 8/10 Sonny Perdue, Chancellor, The University System of Georgia
- 8/17 No Meeting
- 8/31 Comer Yates, Executive Director, Atlanta Speech School
- 9/14 Ms. Lee Thomas, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Film Office, Georgia Department of Economic Development
- 9/21 No Meeting

EVENTS

- 7/13 Board of Directors Meeting
- 7/20 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 7/23 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 8/17 Board of Director's Meeting
- 9/21 Board of Director's Meeting
- 9/28 Governor Visit
- 10/19 Board of Director's Meeting
- 12/14 Board of Director's Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/3 Mark Johnson
- 7/4 John Amberg
- 7/13 Shelley Hammell
- 7/17 Elizabeth Martin
- 7/21 Kevin Andrews
- 7/23 Jared Guyer

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7/24 Peter Jensen

7/26 Jimmy Cook

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/7 Karla Arriola (24)

7/12 Jim Floyd (57)

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Vice President	Radu Zernoveanu
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Secretary	Marilyn Morgan
Public Image	Andrew Amerson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Garth Peters

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