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Proposal for Review & Update of Board of Commissioners Rules and Procedures

Summary:

The rules and procedures for the Fulton County Board of Commissioners are outdated and are not sufficient to provide the transparent, effective, and efficient government our citizens deserve. By all accounts, the rules have not had a complete review in many years and while changes have been adopted via resolution, the complete set of rules have not been considered holistically.

Goal:

The goal of this proposal is to create a plan to review and update all rules and procedures that are in place for the Board of Commissioners at one time rather than through the adoption of separate resolutions and ordinances.

Purpose:

- Update rules to remove or replace outdated policies and procedures. (e.g. rules refer to zoning meetings and work sessions that no longer take place).
- Update rules such that commissioners and the public have reasonable time for review, research, and/or consultation on all agenda items without impacting the county's ability to do business.
- Update rules to include how budget enhancements by commissioners, and constitutional officers, and others should be considered and adopted.
- Update rules to include enforcement mechanisms where possible.
- Update rules to foster collaboration.
- Update rules to provide a clear and fair process for full board nominations.

Suggested Plan:

A special call retreat meeting or meetings that should

- be held offsite to avoid distractions,
- have an agenda designed by a qualified third-party facilitator from a trusted organization (such as The Carl Vinson Institute of Government or ACCG)
- include all seven Commissioners, the County Attorney, the facilitator, and the Clerk only,
- And produce an agreed on and fully updated set of rules & procedures.